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Deadly dilemma over hijackers

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Ministers were last night faced with the life-or-death dilemma of what to do with the Iraqi hijackers who yesterday were the subject of one of the slickest and quickest "disposal" operations of its kind at Stansted Airport.

Some Conservative MPs urged that no quarter should be given, and that the seven hijackers should be expelled - to a fate of certain torture and ex-

But as it became clear last night that the hijackers were not determined terrorists, a number of significant Whitehall sources were showing more caution; holding out hope of eventual mercy. Hints of that possible outcome, with asylum being offered once the criminal jus-

tice system had punished any hijack offences, were being left wide open.

One government source said that, given Britain's antipathy to Saddam Hussein, it was unthinkable that the men and their families should be handed over to such a tyrant and his killing machine".

The 22-hour drama ended peacefully shortly after 1pm yesterday when the hijackers gave themselves up after being assured by police that a representative from the Iraqi Community Association was present in the control tower. Earlier, six women and two children under ten had left the aircraft. Police said last night that the seven hijackers were being interviewed and the women were being held under immigration laws. Reports from Khartoum,



where the hijack began on Monday afternoon, suggested that they had diplomatic status. According to accounts of con-

versations between the police

negotiators and the cockpit of

the Sudan Airways Airbus, the

captain, Abdel Hamid Hidiribi,

appeared anxious to reassure the British anthorities that they

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were not dealing with terrorists. In a report hroadcast by ITV

fundamentalists. They are not

political or they do not belong

to any political party or terror-

ist group." They are ordinary

people who have been perse-

cuted by Saddam."

5pm: Sudan Airways Flight 150 eaves Khartoum 5.20pm: Hijackers take control of

8.15pm: Flight 150 lands at Lamaca, Cyprus

11.40pm: Aircraft leaves Lamaca

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4.30am: Airbus lands at Stansted 6.24am: First hostages released 1.07pm: Flight crew begin leaving

1.20pm: Capt Hidiribl kisses tarmac

Conservative MP who defected these are people who are fright-to the Liberal Democrats, an aclast night, he said: "They are not knowledged parliamentary exlives and their families' lives pert on Iraqi repression, said last then I hope tolerance will be night: "I believe that they shown.

should be tried, in the normal There was no immediate question of that last night; with court of law, for a terrorist acwidespread agreement that the "If their story is the sort of hijackers, if convicted, would Emma Nicholson, the former story that I suspect it is - that

communities through private

Is our society, uniquely in Europe, still prepared to

tolerate an untrammelled free

market in that most funda-

their ability to contribute economically or environmen-tally, to the wealth of the nation. In the lottery of ownership,

Eigg has fared particularly

badly over the past 25 years. Now once again, the people who live there are expected to

wait and see who the new This time, it just might be

different and that is because of Eigg's status as a symbol for the

Conservation and public bodies, along with sympath-etic individuals, just might chip

in enough money to make

community ownership a

There are several recent

precedents where communi-ties, notably Assynt in Suther-land, have managed to buck the

market on their own account.

Inspiration can be found in the National Land Fund, created by Hugh Dalton in his first post-war budget.

Its purpose was to acquire

land for the enjoyment of all and

the benefit of the nation as "a

better memorial to those who

gave their lives than anything

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rison sentence. The Aviation Security Act allows for punish-ment of life imprisonment for the offence of bijacking.

But it appears likely that the hijaekers might serve any sen-tence handed down, then be freed to apply for asylum - with a possibility that they might be given exceptional leave to remain; the Home Secretary's

prerogative of mercy. Meanwhile, the men's families could also he given leave to remain in Britain, pending eventual resolution of the affair.

That prospect, however, brought an immediate preemptive attack from Terry Dicks, the outspoken Tory back-

People too precious

to be sold as baubles

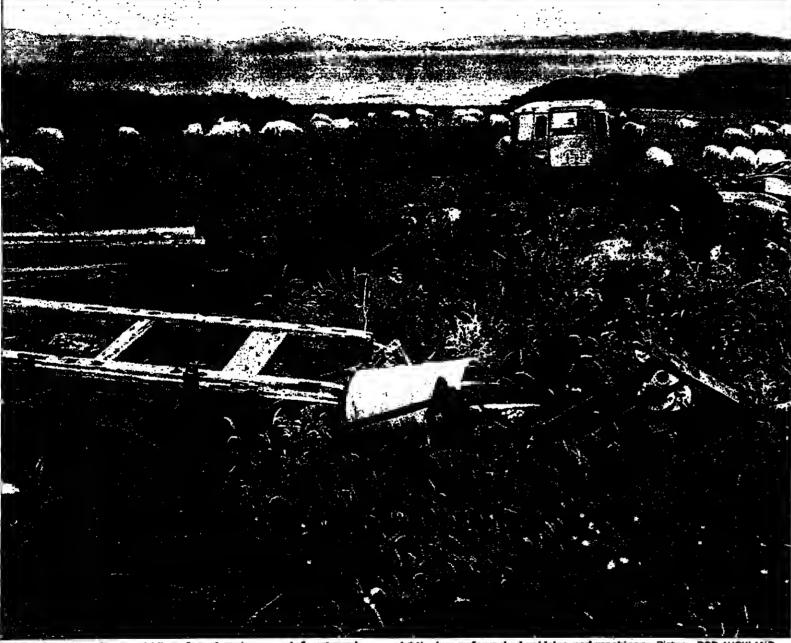
He said the Government should on no account consider granting the hijackers asylum, and he called for them to be returned to Sudan to face trial. He warned: "If we give way on this, there will be hijackers from all over the place coming in. There can be no justification for considering claims for asy-

lum from hijaekers."

More significantly, a similarly tough stance was taken by David Howell, the former Cabinet minister who serves as chairman of the all-party Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, who said: "Hijacking is a horrendous and sometimes murderous crime and hijackers must be dealt with the utmost severity. There must be no concessions, the very hint of a concession is a guarantee that some other people down the murdered, some hijacking will

Islanders of Eigg launch appeal for funds to buy their heritage and end years of decline under absentee landlords

tion on British soil.



Two faces of Eigg. The rural bliss of grazing sheep, and, foreground, an unsightly dump of wrecked vehicles and machinery Picture: ROB AUCKLAND

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Smoking heart risk Living with a heavy smoker more than doubles the risk of heart attacks among relatives. a new study has found. A cardiology conference in Birmingham was told vesterday that people whose spouse smoked more than 20 a day had more two-and-a-half times the risk of those married to n non-

School strike vote

Smoker.

Teachers at a Nottingham pri-mary school have voted to take strike action when the new term begins next week unless an unruly pupil is removed from their classes. Seven of the nine staff at Manton Junior School near-Worksop have voted for the action which could close the Page 4

Early release shock The head of the Prison Service.

Richard Tit, admitted last night that: \$7 prisoners - six times as train as originally thought acleased early from jail g the recent sentencing Page 4



The world takes a first step to halt abuse of its children

ADRIAN BRIDGE

Some of the girls were so young that their parents personally de-livered and fetched them from the solid three-storey bouse where they hoped to embark on glittering career in modelling. The man who received them, a 37-year-old former mechanic-turned-photographer, seemed pleasant enough,

quickly winning them over with his charismatic manner and promises of international fame. He agreed to pay the girls between £5 and £25 a session - big money by Hungarian standards. But pictures depicting his subjects fully clothed quickly de-

veloped into shots in swimsuits.

From there, the descent into fullscale pornography was swift. "Once the girls entered that house they were somehow spellbound and agreed to do whatever they were asked." said Istvan Nagy, who is heading the criminal investigation into the case, in the northern town of Eger. "Once they left it, they were too terrified to tell anyone, even their own parents, about

Police believe that up to 50 girls aged between 10 and 15 may have been lured into posing nude and performing sex acts in front of the camera for a man with strong links to paedophile rings in western Europe and north America. They also suspect that, in addition to appearing in magazines and videos, the images of the victims may also have been transmitted to ehild porn users globally via

the Internet. "When we searched the house we found a whole library of pornographic material involving children and even animals," Mr Nagy said. "We also discovered that a special contact station had been set up on the Internet and that, in addition to western Europe and the US, there were clients from Saudi

Arabia and Japan." The growing sexual ex-ploitation of children from eastern Europe and the transmission of child pornography via cyberspace feature prominently on the agenda of a ground-breaking international conference that opened in Stockholm yesterday. The World Congress Against



Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children aims to transform universal abhorrence of paedophilia into action against it. To abuse children is to abuse

our future," the Swedish Prime Minister, Goran-Persson, said. "We must go from words to deeds by developing strategies to fight these intolerable acts." Estimates vary, but most expens believe more than two miltion ehildren worldwide fall prey to the sex industry each ticular Thailand and the Philippines, has long been favoured Western child-sex tourists. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, eastern Europe has also

been increasingly targeted. The conference organisers, which include the Swedish goveroment, Unicef and Ecpat, a lobby group pressing for an end to child prostitution in Asian tourism, bave proposed a tightening of laws covering child prostitution and pornography, better enforcement of those already in place and much more money for educational programmes aimed at spelling out the dangers in vulnerable communities and for rehabilitation programmes for the victims.

The British delegation, headed by the Home Office minister Timothy Kirkhope, announced plans for legislation enabling the prosecution of Britons who commit sexual offences against children abroad.

In Australia, a 75-year-old man who has already been charged under the country's laws against child-sex tourism, was yesterday charged with 850 child-sex crimes committed in year. South-east Asia, in par-

There are just 63 people living on the island of Eigg; fewer than in a modest-sized block of flats in any town or city. Yet this island on the western fringe of the Inner Hebrides bas become the symbol of a debate which must soon come to a The issue at stake is whether individuals have the right to dominate the destinies of whole

■ By Brian Wilson MP Labour (Cunninghame North) and publisher of the West

Eigg, the symbol, runs to just 8,000 acres. But the same questions apply to vast tracts of Scotland which are under the control of owners whose interest is certainly not the wellbeing of living communities or

Island Free Press.

estates owned by the National Trust and other quasi-public bodies were acquired via the National Land Fund. But. during the 1950s, the Tories

into the National Heritage Memorial Fund, devoted to the purchase of stately homes and their contents. Land was forgotten.

There are now signs of the wheel turning full circle. Weighed down with Lottery Memorial Fund has begun to recognise that land is also part of the national heritage.

It has recently assisted with the purchase of several estates, though so far on environmental rather than social

grounds. Now Eigg, so often the victim of a lottery, is looking for

help from that source also.
One day soon, it may be recognised that people and communities are also parts of the national heritage too precious to be bought and sold as haubles or private

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Enquiry warns fat cats to curb sminting excesses

NICK NINELIVES Business Correspondent

SENIOR executives have come under renewed attack

today with the publication of the latest findings of the Mackinnon Report into top level smiating. After two months of intense investigations, it seems that no boardroom in the country has been spared from the all seeing eye of Sir Archibald Mackinnon. The report's main recom-

mendations involve a complete ban on sminting options, and a ceiling on sminting "sweeteners" – the practice whereby senior executives are offered substantial sminting opportunities to induce them to leave one firm and join another. CBI spokesperson, Albert Hatt, reacted strongly to the views of industry: "Naturally, we don't want top executives to appear greedy.

know how enjoyable a good smint can be, And if it's been well carned, then why should it be denied? We're currently examining the report in detail proposals at our next Downing Street meeting in a few weeks

Meanwhile, Sir Archibald was remaining tight lipped: "Everything I have to say can be found in the report; the fact that I have been known to smint myself from time to time should have no bearing what-



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Hijack: 20 hours of terror

and MATTHEW BRACE

It was more than 20 hours after his aircraft had been hijacked that Captain Abdel Hamid Hidiribi stepped out into the warmth of a sunny English afternoon, squinted and kneeled to kiss the ground.

His 186 passengers were safe, his aircraft was in one piece and, although emotionally drained. his crew of 12 had walked out unscathed. He got down to his knees and pressed his lips to the tarmac. Then he did it again.

To those watching the unfolding drama of Sudan Airways flight SUD 150, originally bound for the Jordanian capital. Amman, from Khartoum in Sudan, it was the signal to heave a collective sigh of relief. Britain's first hijack crisis in 14 years had been resolved peace-fully.

The outcome could have heen very different. Twenty minutes after take-off from Khartoum on Monday night, the crew were threatened by at least six Iraqi hijackers, thought to bave been armed with handguns. They demanded to be flown to Cyprus, which first denied them access, then bowed to their demands when the pilot warned of a shortage of fuel.

After refuelling, they gave London's Heathrow Airport as their final destination. Although not normally the Government's policy to allow hijacked aircraft to land in Britain, permission was given – possibly by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. The Chief Constable of Essex, John Burrow, conceded yesterday that he had spoken to Mr Howard at the beginning of the crisis and at its conclusion, although he would say only that the decision was "governmen-

The plane was headed for Heathrow but then it had to be diverted because of fog." said Mr Burrow. "We only knew at 4am that it was definitely coming here.

Despite the pdot not having navigational charts for Stansted, he was allowed to land there. Airport authorities and police insisted last night that the decision was based solely on the weather conditions, and not on the fact that Stansted is regarded as Britain's "designated airport" with special facilities to accommodate hijack situations and regular police drills.



JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

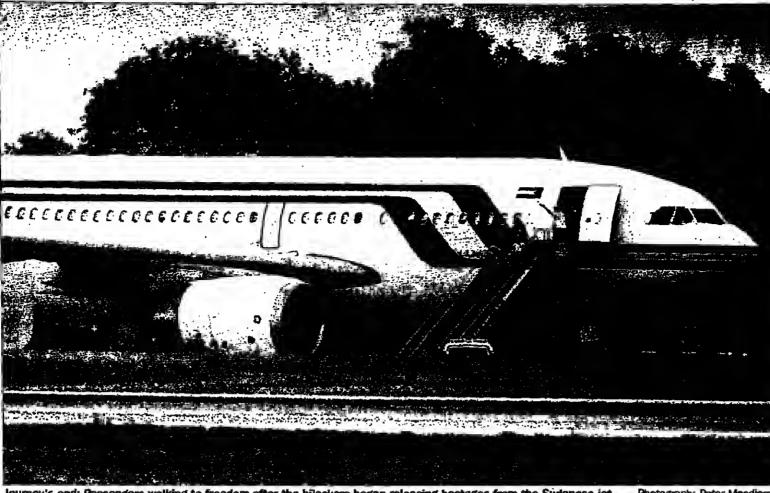
Hours before Flight 150 touched down on British soil. a well-rehearsed hostage contingency plan, which involved police negotiators, the SAS. and Covernment ministers, had been activated. Awaiting the kidnappers

were some of the world's leading experts in anti-terrorism. Within nine hours, all aboard had been released safely and the hijackers arrested. The apparent case with which this potential crisis was dealt was the result of a well-worked strategy.

Essex police, whose force area covers Stansted, dealt with the bulk of the operation. The hostage-takers had wanted to land at Heathrow, but the flight was diverted to Stansted, 30 miles north-east of London, because it is more isolated and far easier to contain than the two major airports. As soon as the aircraft land-

ed it was surrounded by armed police officers at an isolated spet on the tarmae. The rest of the airport carried on as normal. Men from the SAS Counter-Terrorist Team, who are on permanent 24-hour standby at their base near Hereford, were alerted and kept in readiness close to the airport.

But overall control was held hy Essex's Chief Constable. John Burrows, who was known



Journey's end: Passengers walking to freedom after the hijackers began releasing hostages from the Sudanese jet

For hours, radio and televi-On the contrary, when asked whether the hijackers - who are more hostages continued to be released by mutual consent, sion bulletins had predicted that London's third airport. expected to ask for political asy-lum for themselves and their comprising 2,500 acres of flat

families - were "desperados, or

frightened people seeking a new start." Mr. Burrow replied:

despatched to find Mr Sadah,

"I don't know fully yet, but the their well-oiled routines into aclatter seems the more likely." At 4.28am, as the Airhus 310 emerged from the mist By 5.25am, the starboard front door of the aircraft was shrouding the airport, more opened and, through the darkthan 500 police, many armed. ness, figures could be seen were being deployed. Runways moving inside. At 6.15am, the were closed to air traffic for two hijackers allowed steps to be hours, roads were blocked. rolled up to the exit and, withhostage negotiators were in 15 minutes, the first 10 brought in and bomb disposal hostages were released.

Essex countryside, would be

the destination. Yet many staff

were given only minutes to put

units were deployed. "The only demands they But, once on the ground, the made were for representatives hijackers displayed no signs of hostility. Chief Constable Burof the Red Cross and [the Office of the United Nations row said negotiations, con-High Commissioner for Refugees to be present, to-gether with a Mr Sadiq Sadah, ducted by radio from the control tower, were opened within an hour. Never, he said, a leader of the Iraqi Commuwere the passengers assaulted nity Association here in Lonand at no time did the hijackdon," said Mr Burrow. While ers threaten to blow up the police were

Standing by: A police armed response unit at Stansted

necessary.

committee.

possible about the layout of the after the Essex negotiators first

assault on the aircraft became

Throughout, ministers, in-

clude the Home Secretary and the Foreign Secretary, were kept informed via the Cahinet

Office Briefing Room, an emer-

geney committee of senior

members of the Government.

Any decision to storm the plane

would first be discussed by the

not necessary. An hour and half

made contact by telephone with

But that drastic action was

Up to 500 officers - includ-

ing an unspecified number of

armed units - were involved in the operation, but a three-

strong negotiating team had the

greatest impact. Led by Chief Inspector Win-

ston Bernard, the negotiators

usually work in pairs with one

person taking a break while the

curity experts were drawing to-

gether as much information as

aeroplane, the position of the

While the talking went on, se-

others talk and keep notes.

cording to police, with ailments caused by the hijackers.

By noon, when Mr Sadah arrived - his suitability as a negotiator having been assessed by police - the drama was almost

Sadah was in the tower, they agreed to surrender," said Mr Burrow. And once the decision was made, the end came quickly. After letting their captives go, the Iraqis sent out their families. Each, some only children, put their bands in the air or on their heads. Then, came the hijackers and, after securing the aircraft, the crew.

That left only Captain Hidiribi to savour the moment before stepping out to freedom.



Sense of desperation behind Iraqis' action

If the Iraqis who hijacked the Sudanese plane to Stansted yesterday were military experts, hen they had every reason to fear returning to Baghdad.

The break-up of a conspiracy within the army in late June led to mass arrests and 32 exccutions, according to one Iraqi

opposition group. But it is by no means clear that the hijackers had a directly political motive. After five years of sanctions, Iraq bas seen a calamitous fall in the standard of living. Much of the 20-million Iraqi population would leave the country if they could. The Iraql carrying his country's flag at the Olympic Games in Atlanta immediately took the opportunity to

Majid al-Yassiri, a member of the Iraqi communist party, says the hijackers were "Iraqi military experts". This is perfectly feasible, but he did not explain how he knew this. The Egyptian news agency says the seven armed men who took over the plane passed through the VIP lounge at Khartoum airport, which would support the belief that they had official or diplomatic status in Sudan.

The fact that military or other specialists were in the Sudanese capital is not wholly surprising. Iraq cultivated good relations with Sudan in the past. Sources in Khartoum suggest that one of the men was a

kidnappers and their type of the hijackers the first of the desperate desire of many Iraqis weapons, in case an armed hostages started to be released, to find refuge elsewhere in the

Defectors weren't short of reasons

to flee, writes Patrick Cockburn

world. This is not easy. When Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan teader, expelled Palestinian teachers last year, he sent a team to Iraq to recruit replacements. The Libyan embassy in the Mansur suburt of Baghdad was besieged by highly qualified Iraqis clutching their CVs as they desperately applied for jobs. Of the developed countries, only New Zea-land has been willing to take Iraqi emigrants, and only those

who speak and write English. It is easy for an Iraqi to cross into Jordan, but to go fur-ther is almost impossible. Such is the political and economic desperation of Iraqis that some 40 have even crossed the Jordan river into Israel to claim po-

Within the next few weeks, iraq will begin to export limit-

ed quantities of oil under close UN supervision for the first time since 1990. This may alleviate the sense of desperation in Baghdad but many members of the Iraqi professional middleclass feel that their only resort is to escape. Highly qualified professors at Baghdad Univer-sity find their monthly salary is now worth only £3 in real terms. For much of the officer corps in the armed forces the situation is even worse. Scarce resources are channelled to the élite Special Forces which act as a prae torian guard around Saddam The Republican Guard divisions also receive special treatment Draftees in the regular army barely receive enough to eat. The officer corps has been systematically depleted by six

purges since 1991. Many of the Iraqi élite were educated in the UK. In Iraqi hospitals medical notes at the end of a patient's bed are in English. Links with Britain have remained strong. It is, therefore, the most likely destination for

Sadiq Sadah: Key to negotiations

The choice of interlocutor at Stansted is starphsing. Sediq Sedah (not his original name) was brought to the control hower at the request of the hijackers. After speaking to him they immediately surrendered. He is not, however, a well-known figure in Iraqi opposition circles. He is believed to have come originally from Basra, in southern Iraq, to attend London University and to have associated with Iraqi left-wingers in the UK. Iri. 1991, he worked for the Campaign for Democracy and Human Fights and later helped set up the Iraqi Community Association, which helps Iraqi refugees in Britain. He has not been politically active for several years.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A BT advertisement featuring Bob Hoskins misled the public, the Independent Television Commission has ruled. It criticised BT's recent Friends and Family advertisement because many viewers believed they could get an immediate 10 per cent discount on their hills.

. In fact, discounts did not start until the period after the next bill. Phone-users had to wait up to three months for the savings to take effect and could even wait almost six months to see the effects of the discount in their next bill. Many thought their hill would be cut as soon as they registered their most popular five numbers, said the ITC.

The first of a new class of Aids drugs which can significantly improve patients' chances of survival was launched in Britain yesterday after winning EU-wide approval. Ritonavir, a so-called protease inhibitor, attacks. Aids in a different way to existing drugs. It stops the virus's attempts to spread in the final stages of its life cycle: existing

drugs work in the early stages.

Trials show that when the virus comes under double attack from both protease inhibitors and previously available treatments like AZT, the amount of virus circulating in patients' bodies is reduced to undetectable levels. Patients' immune systems are also boosted. The chances of the disease progressing - and the risk of death - are therefore significantly reduced.

New guidelines over changes to royal titles after divorce are to be issued on the authority of the Queen. But Buckingham Palace denied any snub to the Princess of Wales wais intended by the timing of the announcement, in the official London Gazette, for the week of her divorce.

The announcement, expected to appear later in the week. is the result of full consideration of the issues raised by the two royal divorces this year, a spokeswoman said. The "letters patent" entry would announce formal guidelines on general principles about the dropping of the style "Her Royal Highness" in the event of divorce, the spokeswoman said. Both the Duchess and Diana have lost the right to be called "HRH" under the terms of their divorce settlements.

Aman facing child pornography charges in connection with the distribution of material on the Internet has been found dead in a fume-filled car, police said yesterday. Computer technician Robert Bickerstaffe, 48, was found near a Lake District beauty-spot after being charged with possessing indecent photographs of children.

Bickerstaffe, of Berwick Avenue, Ainsdale, Merseyside, was on police bail after being arrested and charged last Thursday following a long running police surveillance operation at Liverpool University computer centre. The father of three, a senior technician at the centre, was found dead in a lay-by at Watermilloch, near Glenridding, beside Lake Ullswater.

investigators have begun examining a passenger ferry after a fire broke out shortly after it had left St Peter Port harbour, Guernsey, on Monday evening. More than 100 passengers were transferred at sea to other ships. The hlaze took hold in the engine room of the French-owned catamaran. Four nearby ships, including two similar passenger ferries, rushed to the stricken Trident Seven.

owned by the Emerand line, after the alarm was raised. All 111 passengers were safely transferred to other vessels while six crew and eight emergency fire-fighters tackled the blaze. Guernsey police said the passengers, mainly British and Preuch day-trippers, were ashore within an hour. An 88year-old French woman was taken to the town's Princess Elizabeth Hospital with leg injuries.

Claims that CS spray was used by police officers to separate a mother from her baby and on two teenagers in a children's home are being investigated. The first incident is alleged to have happened in Middleshrough when police officers accompanied a social worker who was taking the 10-month-old baby into care. It is claimed that the CS spray was used on the mother, who allegedly still had the haby in her arms and was resisting attempts to take the infant from her.

The second incident is alleged to have happened last Monday when police were called to a children's home in Middlesbrough where a 14-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl were believed to have either harmed themselves or were threatening to harm themselves and had barricaded themselves into a room.

Surgeons who provided video footage of patients' operations to a commercial company could face disciplinary action if they did so without their patients' specific permission, Gerald Malone, the Minister for Health, indicated yesterday. His warning came as the General Medical Council, the doctors' disciplinary body, warned that patient consent was "the central issue in this case" and as the Department of Health's injunction against the compilers of the £12.99 Everday Operations video was due to be heard in the High Court today. Nicholas Timmins

Strikes by guards and catering crews, which yesterday caused the cancellation of around a half the services at seven train operators, are set to spread to a further nine companies. Timetables affected yesterday were those run by Scot Rail; Regional Railways North East; North West Regional Railways; CrossCountry Trains; North London Railways; South Wales and West Trains and Merseyrail Electrics. Strike ballots are to begin this week at Anglia Railways; Cardiff Railways; Gatwick Express; Great Eastern Railways; Inter-City West Coast; London Tilbury and Southend Rail, Midland Main Line; South West Trains and Thames Trains. The result is due in mid-September. Barrie Clement

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Rising star: Valery Gergiev - critically acclaimed, but not yet widely appreciated - who is bringing the Rotterdam Philharmonic to the Proms next week

This man is the hottest conductor in the world. The critics love him. So why aren't Prom-goers snapping up seats to see him?

Tonight the Berlin Philharmonic plays at the Proms. The performance has been sold out for months. Next week the hottest young conductor in the of critics than any other concert, but tickets are still available.

The public still associates the orchestras of Berlin, New York and Chicago (all of which sold out instantly) with the Olympian heights of classical music. The city of Rouerdam does not cause the spine to tingle in the same way.

Classical music concert-goers,

Certainly, the aforemen-Boulez in New York ruled relatively inchallenged. As CD huyers know, the less glamorous names on the less glamorous labels at budget prices can produce music which achieves critical acclaim. And the great orchestras can have their off

The music critic Norman Lebrecht-whose new book When

the lure of a "brand name" as hig orchestral names "are often wasn't quite right at breaktheir counterparts at rock con-certs who blithely ignore key said yesterday that audiences Th

tioned orchestras are still orchestras who, when they play ing in as a first step on the tour world, the charismatic Valery among the best in the world, but on top form, are unbeatable. or the third or fourth step. Are Gergiev, hrings the Rotterdam
Philharmonic to the Proms. It has changed since Von Karajan than top form they can pull a mances? The New York Philhas attracted a larger number in Berlin, Solti in Chicago and real stinker. They may have been touring too much or they don't care because money has become more important than institutional pride.

"None of the London orchestras can play as brilliantly as the Berlin Philharmonic on top form; but equally none of the London orchestras can play as badly as the Berlin Philharmonie can do if they don't like

There is also, says Lebrecht

personnel changes among the take a gamble when they buy the problem of too much play-musicians. take a gamble when they buy the problem of too much play-tickets for the big names. "You always have to ask kets for the big names. ing. "You always have to ask "There is a premier league of whether the orchestra is comon their tour. So all these things have to be taken into account. It is a gamble for audiences, though less of a gamble at the Proms when the exuberance and the foot stamping tends to

rouse even the biggest orchestras and give them back their old enthusiasm. But for Lebrecht and other experts there is as much excitement in names that are unknown to the

public at large. "The Chamber Orchestra of Europe is one of the most interesting bands around," he said. "Conductors who have worked with them tell me it is a total experience. You're playing with some of the best young musicians in Europe.

premier league names all sold out; but there have been some ingham Symphony Orchestra ents and friends."

are also among the hottest tickets. There were sell-outs too for soloist horn player Barry Tuckwell's farewell performance and for conductor Trevor Pinnock with the English Concert Orchestra.

Tickets were also at a pre-At this year's Proms, the mium for the National Youth Orchestra. Are they now a maior force among world orchesnew British entrants into the top division. Britain's Sir Simon official, "but you also have to re-Rattle and the City of Birm- member there are a lot of par-

Health risks of a smoker in the home

GLENDA COOPER

more than doubles your risk of found. The more your relatives smoke the greater the danger you face. And for peohlood pressure or a family history of coronary heart disease

- the hazards are even greater. Researchers from Argentina presented their data at the European Society of Cardiology Congress in Birmingham yes-

terday. They had looked at 2,000 people who said that they had never smoked and after collecting data on the smoking habits of their spouses and children assessed the relative risks of having a heart attack.

Those who lived with a spouse smoking more than 20 cigarettes a day had nearly two and a half times the risk of those who were married to a nonsmoker. People who lived with a lighter smoker or had children who smoked still saw their risk go up by 50 per cent. When high-

"Passive smoking at home appears to be associated with the risk of acute myocardial infarction [heart attack] and there is outweighed the risk. a significant increase in relative risk with the amount exposed daily," the researchers said.

Passive smoking has been a contentious issue. In 1992 the United States Environment Protection Agency decided environmental tobacco smoke was a class A carcinogen, estimat- deaths of more than 2,000 peoing that it caused 3,000 deaths

a year. restaurants, aircraft and railways have hanned smoking. Highprofile cases such as that of the entertainer Roy Castle whose

fatal lung cancer was said to have been caused by passive Living with a heavy smoker smoking and Veronica Bland who won £15,000 compensation heart attacks, a new study has after claiming she had contracted chronic bronchitis at

work, have encouraged bans. However, last May the Euple who already have known risk ropean Working Group on Enfactors - such as diabetes, high vironmental Tobacco Smoke analysed 48 studies and concluded that passive smoking did not cause cancer.

A spokeswoman for the antismoking pressure group ASH said: "There's been a lot of research which shows that people whose spouses smoke are at an increased risk of health damage. We do not want to dictate to people about what goes on in their homes but it shows the urgent need for legislation on smoking in public places."

But Martin Ball, of Forest, which supports the right to smoke, said: "The claims of exposure to environmental tobaccosmoke have been demolished over the years, shown to be bogus and based on rotten science. Football players have the highest risk of sudden death while playing sport, and even risk factors, such as high blood table tennis and skittles can pose pressure, were present passive a threat according to new re-smoking intensified the danger. at the European Society of Cardiology Congress insisted yesterday that the benefits of keeping fit far

> Nearly four out of five sudden deaths in sport are due to cardiovascular disease, and in the over-35s the majority are due to coronary heart disease. In Britain around one in 50,000

active athletes die every year. Doctors looked at the sudden ple in German sports clubs from 1981-1994. Football was most Tennis claimed 151, cycling 124 -just ahead of gymnastics; table tennis 86, skittles 73, horse riding 55 and canoeing 45.



Probably the only . symphony orchestra ever to have become a householdname (its past conductors: include Mahler, Brahms and Grieg). Seven years after the death of its legendary conductor Herbert von Karajan the orchestra and its current maestro Claudio Abbado remain in demand all over the world. Player for player it is probably even better now than in Karajan's day. Abbado says: With them, I feel-like I'm riding a . thoroughbred. I try to convey the feeling of complete liberty and indicate with a few small: gestures the direction we should take. The city of Berlin continues to fund it:

lavishly, indeed it is Berlin-rather than the BBC which

will be paying for tonight's

visit by the orchestra.

Making its first visit to the Proms for seven years and bringing both its principal conductor Daniel Barenbolm and its conductor laureate Sir Georg Solti, Barenbolm says of his charges: "I am continually refreshed by their eagemess to to re-examine music they have played many times and with edviable success. The orchestra never rests on its past achievements, even though it is the toast of audiences

throughout the world." NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC -

The oldest orchestra in the United States: former music-directors include Mahler Toscanini and Bemstein. Under present maestro Kurt. Masur it was named Orchestra of the Year at the 1993 classical music awards. Unlike most of its premier league counterparts acknow it also specialises in eutreach name.

CHALLENGING FOR PROMOTION

ROTTERDAM PHILHARMONIC

Valery Gergiev, who is also conductor with the kirov, is the hottest name around; but it is a name that stubbomly remains ... considerably notier than the Rotterdam-orchestra heconducts. Indeed this autumn's festival by the orchestra is, significantly, entitled. The Rutterdam Philharmonic Gergiev Festival*: Gergiev praises the orchestra's very light sormy.

sound and strong character, but sudiences simply will not admowledge it as a global

Ironically, Jansons has had a heart attack and will not appear. By itself the Oslo Philharmonic does not have the reputation of Berlin, Vienna. New York and Chicago, though Lebrecht describes its sound as: "absolutely distinctive":

NICOLAUS ESTERHAZY SINFONIA

Not a name to trip lightly off the tongue, not one likely to have them queuing round the block for tickets. But this Hungarian orchestra, conducted by flautist Bela-Drahos, has drawn some rave reviews for its budget Beethovens on Naxos. The Daily Telegraph described the orchestra's recording as not only a bargain but also a magnificent record by any standards" . . .



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There's a great deal going on

Mix-up gravely mishandled, prison chief says

JASON BENNETT Crime Correspondent

The head of the Prison Service admitted last night that 537 prisoners - six times as many as originally thought - had been released early from jail following the recent sentencing fiasco.

The disclosure by Richard Tilt, the director general of the service, will cause even more embarrassment to Michael

Howard, the Home Secretary, of the crisis, said last night that who is fighting to regain ground the situation had been "gravely in an incident that has become a severe political liability.

The Home Office has already indicated that it will oot try to rearrest the former inmates, including sex and violent offenders, released early last

Mr Tilt, who broke off his holiday in Italy at the weekend to return to Britain to take charge the situation had been "gravely mishandled" and that he had offered Mr Howard, his "sincere personal apology" for the failings. He said ministers had not been told about the work the Prison Service had been do-

until a submission he made

last week, some days after the

releases had started.

had happened. However, he did not regard it as a matter for resignation. The announcement followed a meeting between Mr Howard, Mr Tilt and his deputy, Alan Walker, yesterday ing which led to the issuing of new guidelines on sentencing,

Mr Howard told Mr Tilt and Mr Walker that he wanted more information about their decision to release thousands of immates

very serious view" of what

Mr Howard said he took a early without properly inform-very serious view" of what ing the Home Office. He was said to be "unhappy"

at the report on the affair, prepared by Mr Walker, and wanted addition material by this

But despite anger among ministers at the way the affair threatened to undermine the Government's tough stance on law and order, Mr Tilt is expected to keep his job. He held

nounce the progress of the investigation into the latest prison

Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, called on Mr Howard to publish Mr Tilt's re-

port on the affair. In a letter to the Home Secretary he said: "In view of the great public concern about this extraordinary situation -

isters could have known oothing about this, I am writing to ask you to publish Mr Tilt's

report as soon as possible."
It appears that Mr Howard had little option other than to stick with Mr Tilt as it would have been embarrassing to lose a second director general so soon after the dismissal of his predecessor, Derek Lewis ear-

a joint press conference last not least the victims – and the night with Mr Howard to an widespread disbelief that minwas forced out of his £90,000-

Mr Howard is still waiting for someone to challenge legally his decision on Friday to halt the immediate release of about 500 prisoners and the reduction in the sentence of up to 4,000 pcople who have committed several

Living in sin is not evil, say churchgoers

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Ordinary members of the Church of England see nothing wrong in cohabitation outside marriage, according to a poll published yesterday.

The survey, commissioned by the Protestant Reformation Society, a fringe group of conser-vative evangelicals, shows the church moving slowly but steadily towards a more liberal line on sexual matters, and as overwhelmingly supportive of women priests and hishops.

Seveoty per cent of all members of the Church of England surveyed, and 56 per cent of active members, said it was oot "sinful in the eyes of God for a man and a woman to live together without being married". More than a third of the active clergy agreed with that statement, and more than a quarter of the retired clergy.

Those figures suggest that Something to Celebrate, the Church report last year strongly criticised by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, for suggesting that "living in sin" was not a serious matter, was in fact reflecting the views of the overwhelming majority of lay people. Among those aged 25-35, the people most likely to be in that domestic arrangement, the proportion disapproving fell to 12

The Gallup poll also seems ordain women as priests.

to suggest that cohabitation is the favoured solution for the Prince of Wales's marital difficulties, should he become King. Asked if they thought "the

heir to the Throoe should become monarch and Supreme Governor of the Church of England if divorced", 32 per cent of regular attenders said he should and 40 per cent of all those describing themselves as Anglican, a slightly higher proportion than the population as a whole. Only the active clergy, of all the categories surveyed, had a majority for the Prince taking up both positions. though divorced, of 45 per

cent to 40 per cent. On the question of whether the church could or should accept a remarried Supreme Governor, there was much stronger resistance among both full-time and retired clergy.

However there was oo difference among the public as a whole in the proportions dis-approving of Prince Charles as monarch and Supreme Goveroor whether he is just divorced or remarried as well. In both cases, the figures were 43 per cent opposed, 37 per cent in

Eighty per cent of regular attenders believe that the church should remain established, as do 55 per cent of the full-time clergy and 63 per cent of the pop-

Seventy per cent of full-time clergy think the church should

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Hazardous task: Frogman Derek Palmer retrieving balls from the lake on the 18th hole during yesterday's pro-am tournament at Collingtree Park Golf Clab, ahead of the One 2 One British Masters which begins today at the Northampton course and climaxes on Saturday

The school says he's violent. His mother says otherwise. Now his teachers are to strike

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

A primary school is threatened with closure after a vote by teachers to take strike action unless an unruly pupil is removed from classes

Seven of the nine staff at Manton Junior School, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, have voted for strike action.

They are all members of the National Association of Schoolmasters Unioo of Women Teachers, which has repeatediy held such protests over disruptive pupils. The Manton teachers allege

that 10-year-old Matthew Wilson attacked both staff and papils at the school. They say that he should not Grunchy.

Matthew's mother, Pamela cent in favour of strike action Cliffe, has denied that he has caused trouble. The union says Matthew has.

previously been temporarily excluded for threatening and violent behaviour. Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said his members at the school had voted unanimously for a strike

and, if no agreement was made, would take all-out action from oext Tuesday when the new term begins.

Governors at the school had twice refused to permanently exclude the boy, ignoring the recommendation of the head and deputy head.
"I believe the governors have

acted perversely," said Mr de "The staff have voted 100 per

in order to protect themselves and indeed the other children

from this violent youngster." Matthew would have to he educated separately from other children, he added. This would be expensive but was

the only option.

Mr de Gruchy has appealed to Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to intervene.

The Advisory, Concilliation and Arbitration Service, ACAS, has also tried to make contact with the school's governors dur-ing the summer holidays in an attempt to resolve the problem, but have received no response.

Councillor Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire's educatioo committee, said he would deal with the matter avoid strike action."

when its offices re-opeoed after the bank holiday today. "I don't know what's going to happen," he said.
"We shall be wanting to hear

from the teacher representatives about it."

Meanwhile teachers at a school in Halifax, West Yorkshire, have also voted to strike if they are asked to teach a 13-year-old girl who was expelled last term after allegedly scuffling with a teacher and another pupil. However, NASUWT deputy

general secretary Eamoo O'Kane said action was out

now expected. He said: "I believe the girl will be taught by the headteacher, and if that's the case, while it's

Exam boards face streamlining to calm fears of 'grade inflation'

FRAN ABRAMS

Ministers are preparing to do battle over plans to reduce the number of examination boards to ensure that standards are the same across the country. Board officials have suggested that they might take legal action to protect their interests.

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, announced yesterday that she was planning to take action amid concern over "grade inflation" which has caused a rapid rise in pass rates at GCSE and A-levels.

She said that she was considering a range of options for the streamlining of the system, though she expected to stop short of creating a single, na-tionalised examinations board.

"It is a question of keeping a handle on the standards. If by more closely control standards courts, Mr Hatfield said.

it is worth looking at very seri-

ously," she said. Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the School Curriculum and As-sessment Authority, has rec-ommended that Mrs Shephard should consider merging some of the six boards. The existence of so many examinations bodies raises questions about the comparability of standards

across the country, he believes. However, the boards are deeply unhappy about the prospect of reform. Dennis Hatfield, chairman of

the Joint GCSE, an umbrella body for the boards, said that their numbers had already been reduced when the GCSE was introduced in 1988.

The boards were independent businesses and it was not clear whether Mrs Shephard had the legal powers to close or merge them. The issue might reducing the number you can even have to be tested in the

"It would depend entirely on what she actually proposed, but I don't think they would be happy. If a hig board was being shut out of existence it might consider it necessary to fight,"

Kathleen Tattersall, chief executive of the Northern Examinations and Assessment Board, said the move would do nothing to guarantee standards.
"It is not the case that exam

boards trade and compete on standards. We grade on what candidates actually do in exams. This is not a standards issue,"

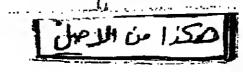
Several of the GCSE and Alevel boards have already held talks with the bodies that cootrol vocational courses with a view to building closer links.
One, the University of London
Examinations and Assessment Council, has already merged with the Business and Technology Education Council.

However, there is even deeper concern about standards in some of the Government's new vocational qualifications than in GCSE and A-level Figures published yesterday showed that only four out of teo stu-dents taking "applied A-levels" or GNVQs had completed their

courses within two years. Officials at the Department for Education and Employment argued that oot all students intended to complete the courses they started, and that some dropped out for "positive" reasons because they had found

But Alan Smithers, professor. of public policy at Brunel University, said that more infor: mation was needed to assess the

exams properly. "It is very important to develop applied education, but it looks as if any success with GNVQ is very patchy indeed."



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basis," he said. "I don't see this as exploitative. We see it as a

benefit. A lot of mature peo-

ple don't want to work fulltime. It could also be of interest

The spokesman said the

arrangement was different to

that at Burger King because staff

would not be expected to be on

the premises waiting for work.

there would be only an "occa-

Mr Ellis said yesterday that

to students."

ternoon.

BARRIE CLEMENT

The Korean car company

Daewoo is following in the con-

troversial footsteps of Burger

King and employing people on

The group is setting the new terms, which do not guarantee

work or pay, under arrange-ments to meet its commitment

to service its vehicles free for

cated that it may outlaw zero-

hours contracts after accusations that Burger King was exploiting some young staff by making them stand around

unpaid until customers came

Daewoo, which began to sell

its vehicles in Britain only two

years ago, wants staff on such

contracts to collect cars from

ployment and who are "avail-

able" for work, but who are not

necessarily anticipating it. The

Daewoo chairman Woo Jung

Kim has reputedly never tak-

en a day's holiday in his life and

enjoys a reputation for ex-

pecting his staff to work hard

The most important asset

of any company is the commit-

ment of employees, especially husinesses who are emphasising

customer care. We are con-

sulting with the social partners

to see how best people can he

protected from such contracts,"

MARIANNE MACDONALD

The costume drama battle be-

tween the BBC, ITV and Chan-

with the BBC's announcement

that it is to film George Eliot's

The Mill on the Floss and Wilkie

Collins' detective novel, The

Hugh Stoddart is writing the screenplay based on Eliot's seminal novel, which tells the

tragic story of the bright and in-pulsive Maggie Tulliver whose

family falls into poverty after her

father's death. Emily Watson,

star of the forthcoming feature

film, Breaking the Waves, is to play Maggie Tulliver, and James Frain, who acted alongside Ted

Danson in Loch Ness, is to

play her crippled lover, Philip

The film goes into production on 2 September in Norfolk, marking the BBC's third adap-

tation of the 1860 novel; previ-

ous serials were shown in 1965

Churchill

Arts Correspondent

In an interview with the mag- added.

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The company intends to attract "mature" people who have finished full-time em-

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Labour Editor

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splitting up. He was still in Britain, he said,

rumours about the group's future when he pulled out of Oasis' three-week American tour minutes before he was due to board a plane to the States.
The lead singer walked out
on co-star brother Noel and

patam. The diamond is given to

Rachel Verinder nn her 18th hirthday but mysteriously dis-

The film's director is Bob

"The Moonstone is one of the

first detective stories in English

fiction," said Mr Bierman.
"The novel was published in

1868 and reflects Wilkie Collins'

fascination with both Victorian Flanders.

No rift, no milk and

all's well with Oasis

Bierman, whose BBC series,

Clarissa, starring Sean Bean and Saskia Wickhams, was

appears the same night.

shown in 1991.

other hand members at Heathrow, demanding that his uggage be unloaded.

house he shares with fiancee

OASIS star Liam Gallagher Patsy Kensit in St John's Wood, ventured out to buy a pint of London. And there yesterday he milk yesterday, and took time hegan his milk run with from his hrief shopping his traditional two-fingered expedition to deny that the salute to waiting reporters and super group was on the verge of told them: "You know the story... I've got to move house."

He had, he added, spoken to because he was moving house. Noel and he dismissed rumours Gallagher, 23, started of a split. "There's no story." The group's record company, Creation, said Gallagher would rejoin the band at the end of the week. A spokesman said Liam had a sore throat and would not

have been able to sing. Meanwhile, Creation said, Noel was proving such a success as lead singer that the band had decided to continue with the He then caught a taxi to the tour despite Liam's illness.

Actors make spectres of themselves at the seaside



Labour scorns 'untrue' Daily Mail reports

ANTHONY BEVINS

Senior Labour sources said yesterday that the Daily Mail newspaper was showing signs of "slipping" into a pre-election campaign mode on behalf of the Tories, with a series of damaging anti-Labour reports.

sional" requirement for people Ian McCartney, Labour's on zero-hours contracts and Citing three examples from the arrangement "iniquitous", ed to work only an hour in the morning and an hour in the af-"I don't understand what the fuss is about," he said.
Only seven people had so far
been employed in a "mutually
beneficial arrangement". There plans to promote "fat cat" millionaire backbencher Geoffrey was not enough work for full-Robinson to his Cabinet. or even part-timers, Mr Ellis

BBC set to film feature

length costume dramas

Trend-setters: BBC stars, Greg Wise and Emily Watson

By contrast, the BBC will be

making its first film adaptation

of The Moonstone, starring

Greg Wise - the cad, Willough-by, in Sense and Sensibility - as

Franklin Blake, and Keeley

Hawes - who starred in Dennis Potter's valedictory Karaoke, -as Rachel Verinder, Blake's

Set in the mid-19th century,

The Moonstone is the story of an

enormous sacred diamond which is stolen by an English of-ficer after the siege of Seringa-

ty later issued an effusive letter from Ian Gibson, managing director and chief executive of Nissan (UK), repudiating Mon-day's Daily Mail report that 1,000 new Nissan jobs were at risk following "a secret meeting this summer between bosses of the Japanese car giant and the

said that Nissan "chiefs" do not source as saying: "Tony Blair meeting had taken place; Nissan fear life under "chameleon" talked to us about his strategy. Blair"; "Big Brother Blair" is But he is a chameleon. He the country to belong to Labour's a potential Labour government of the Board of Trade, was markable leap for a man not

tailor-made to fit in with the Tories' "New Labour, New Danger" campaign. With no sub-stantiation, hut remarkable The sources said all three re-precision, it said Nissan had cal-

society, 19th-century drug cul-ture and the mysteries of the

The decision to make both films reflects the BBC's deter-

mination to build up its repu-

tation for feature films. Its

previous hits include Truly, Mad-

y Deeply, Cold Comfort Farm

and Priest, but it has so far failed

to compete with Channel 4,

which last year won 37 awards worldwide for films including

Four Weddings and a Funeral Shallow Grave, The Madness of

King George, Trainspotting and Secrets and Lies. Earlier this

month, BBC1 announced that

Anne Bronte's The Tenant of

Wildfell Hall is to form the cen-

another instance of the craze for

costume drama unleashed by

the success of the recent Austen

adaptations. Not to be out-

done, ITV has also announced

that this autumn it will be

screening an adaptation of Austen's Emma and a version of Defoe's bawdy novel, Moll

ports were untrue, and the par- culated that a Labour government would reduce car sales by 5 per cent, or 100,000 vehicles. It also said: "Labour's support for the Social Chapter - which would force up costs and make British workers less competitive than their foreign rivals - is an-

other factor in their decision." But Mr Gibson said in a letter to Mr Blair yesterday - copied was the only car manufacturer in Nissan has no negative view of that he could become President Cahinet post would be a re-

the need for extensive employee-training, a stable macro-economy and low inflation as the foundation for growth. As for a threat to impending

investment, Mr Gibson said: "There is no decision on future investment or current production at Sunderland that would be affected by the composition

pany shared Labour's views on ue to be made as so far - in the by a Labour leadership source best interests of our customers and employees."

It is expected that Nissan's main European board, meeting in Amsterdam Ioday, will endorse Mr Gibson's repudiation of the highly damaging Daily Mail story.

leged plan to give Mr Rohinson Mr Blair for this summer's hol-"You have my assurance that Labour "insiders" predicting middle-rank minister, but a

Mr Rohinson - MP for Coventry North-west, former chairman of Jaguar, moving force behind the international engineering company TransTec. man magazine, and owner of the The report on Mr Blair's al- Italian holiday villa used by

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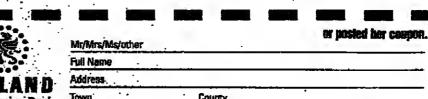
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Airships' comeback is more than hot air

New generation of Zeppelins are not just pie in the sky, insist their champions

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The airship is making one of its regular comehacks hut this time, supporters say, it is here to stay. The Zeppelin company, based in Friederichshafen, in Germany, is making a prototype of a new generation of airships which it hopes to have in full production by the end of 1998. The new craft, the size of a

Boeing 747, will be able to travel at 140kph and stay in the air for up to three and a half days. It will be used for tourist trips and possibly for surveillance operations, where its ability to stay in the air for long periods is unparalleled.

The Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik company, a direct descendant of the original firm that made the Zeppelin (which played an important role in the First World War) and which also manufactured the ill-fated Hindenburg, is owned by the local council and has 35 people working on the project.

Matheas Mandel, the devel-

opment manager, said that the new airship would be a completely new design concept: "It could be used for a variety of scientific purposes, as well as tourist flights. Because it can fly for long periods, it can be the platform for many experiments."

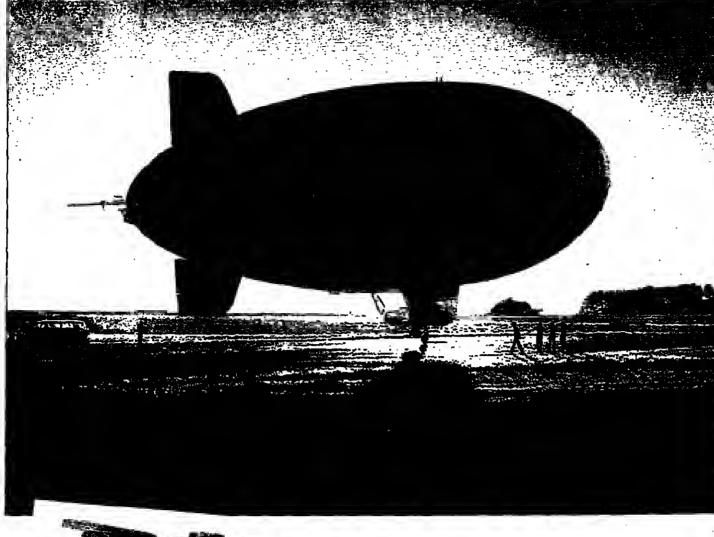
The Zeppelin managers are optimistic and say that they expect to sign "six provisional agreements world-wide within the next eight months".

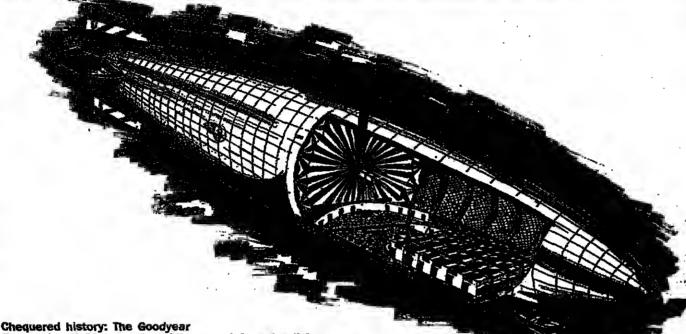
They hope that the airships will become popular as a form of air travel which is much more environmentally friendly than aircraft.

However, it has no firm orders and although Condor, a subsidiary of Lufthansa, has its logo oo mock-ups of the prototype, the company says it has no plans to buy any of the airships, which will only be able to seat a dozen people and will cost. about £5m.

Despite the company's hopes, there remain doubts about whether airships have a future. Cooventional wisdom has it that the Hindenburg disaster, in May 1937 in New Jersey, in which at least 33 people airships have never since been

developed commercially. There have been a oumber of attempts sioce the Secood World War to revive the concept, including Airship Industries, with an airship at RAF Cardington, in Bedfordshire, hut all have foundered because of the high development costs





Europa (top left), a modern blimp used for advertising, little more than a balloon with an engine Photograph: Aviation Picture Library The Hindenburg exploding (right) as it came in to dock in New Jersey in May 1937, killing at least 33 people and dealing what many considered an almost fatal blow to airship development, aithough the introduction of large four-engine planes was also a factor Photograph: Hulton Getty The Holland Millennium Navigator (above), possibly the way ahead for airships Photograph: Rigid Airship Designs

company have been taken over by a British team based in Bedford and which hopes to devel-

op a series of oew airships. scale model of a hig airship, but but the impracticality of the Fairoaks airport, io Surrey,

it was destroyed last year in a craft and the development of fire and the remnants of the large four-engined aircraft during the Second World War. The only airships in use now are hlimps, which, unlike original airships, do oot have a rigid and the lack of a market.

Westinghouse, which took over the company, built a half
Airship experts suggest it structure but are effectively a balloon with an engine. As Rohin Mackay, who runs the

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where the Fuji hlimp, seen over Wimhledon and Wembley during sporting occasions, is ofteo docked overnight, said: "It gives you a wooderful view and is great for tourists who want to

with only basic lavatory facilities, for example. They are difficult to moor, as they need a mast and a rope has to be caught by men oo the ground and attached to the mast.

go up in the air for an hour or for use as a TV platform but what else can they do?"

When the Fuji hlimp comes over from its base in Germany, a lorry with 20 men and a When the Fuil hlimp comes a lorry with 20 men and a Blimps are fairly primitive, portable mast has to follow it

through the countryside in case for airships: "There tends to be it should get into difficulties.
The Hindenburg required a revival in interest in airships when there is a rise in the

more than 200 men to tie it down but the Zeppelin company claims that only three will be needed with the new craft.

Mike Rentell, secretary of the Airship Association, reckons there is a strong niche market

economy," he said optimisti-cally. But he is realistic about their potential: "They will not replace conventional aircraft, but they have a number of unique attributes which make them very useful." He said that

a Dutch company had launched a project called the Holland Millennium Navigator at the University of Delft which plans to build a rigid airship 540 feet long by 1999 at a cost of £25m.
"What would be a better way of celebrating the millennium than that?" Mr Rentell said.

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National emergency beds pledge

Public Policy Editor

A national emergency bed system to beip doctors find intensive-care vacancies anywhere in England will be fully in place by 1 December, the Health minister Gerald Malone announced

yesterday. The system will create "a onestop shop" to allow doctors through one phooe call to find the oearest intensive-care bed when their own hospital is full or their unit does not provide

the appropriate care. The service will extend na-tionally a bed register covering 100 units in the South-east which vas set up in 1995 after Malcolm Murray, 45, died of serious head injuries he received in a road ac-cident in Orpington, south Lon-

don. The junior doctor on duty at Queen Mary Hospital, Sidcup, unable to find an intensive-care bed anywhere in the London area, despite many phone calls, and the patient eventually died after being flown 200 miles by air-rescue helicopter to Leeds

General Infirmary.
"Clinicians will no longer have to waste valuable time in telephoning other units to find a suitable bed," Mr Malone said yesterday. Now they will be able to go to a central database which will keep track of vacant by phoning the 234 hospitals which have them three times a day for an update on availability. The system will cover all 2,600 adult and children's intensive-care beds in England -although Scotland and Wales

be over a national border - in the case of Bristol and Cardiff. for example, or Carlisle and the Scottish hospitals, good local links already existed, Mr Malone argued. The Scots and Welsh were free to join the sys-

tem later, he said. The move follows a series of scandals, of which Mr Murray's case was merely the most extreme, where doctors have faced serious difficulties in locating vacant beds. "This will save time, prevent needless de-lay, help doctors make the best decisions for patients, and improve care," Mr Malone said.

move patients, hat these transfers need to be kept to a miniand sensitive."

With each intensive-care bed costing £750,000 a year to run, they were an expensive resource which would always be limited, he said. "We must make sure we make the very best use of them." The system would be fully up and running before the winter months, when demand oo beds and intensive

care facilities usually peaks. The move was welcomed by the Royal College of Physi-cians which said that as well as saving "precious time" it would also provide a clear picture of the demand for intensive care, "something we have called for in the past".

Mr Malone said that he was always reluctant to say there were no problems in the Na-

the system in the South-east had been introduced, providing services from general intensive care to neurosciences and pacdiatric cover, there had been no recurrence of the problem Mr

Murray's case revealed. The system will link the London-based service with a register already running in the North-west while bringing in the rest of the country at total setup cost of £200,000 and an annual running cost of £100,000 a year - a sum described as "excellent value" by Mr Malone, given the cost of each bed. The NHS Executive will fund it for the first 18 months after which health authorities, which will be required to take part in the oew system, will have to meet the running costs.

HE EVE

Exchequer tap runs dry for the pro-Europeans

ANTHONY BEVINS

Tory Euro-sceptics have been assured by Ministers that there will be no further Government cash for the pro-EU European Movement, the all-party campaign for closer European

integration. Foreign Office Minister Jeremy Hanley has written to Neil Hamiltoo, the strongly Thatcherite former Minister, to say: "There are no plans to offer financial assistance in

Richard Shepherd, a Conservative MP who had the party whip withdrawn following a 1994 Commons revolt on Europe, told the Independent vesterday: "That must be 1994 - "to help attract £120,00 a year.

equal funding between the two propositions; for and against." Between 1969 and 1975, Government gave the movement annual grants of around

That was stopped by Labour in 1975, but the payments resumed under Margaret Thatcher in 1981 - to the tune of £30,000 a year.

It was then decided in 1985 that the annual funding should be phased out, although a "one-off" grant of £30,000 was paid to the movement in 1992, to fund a series of regional conferences on the Maastricht

A further one-off grant of £10,000 was made in January,

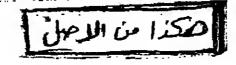
ever, it is unlikely that the European Movement will be embarrassed by the Foreign office decision to turn off the Exchequer tap.

that it had an annual income of about £400,000, mainly from private business and individual sponsors including David Sainsbury, of Sainsbury store fame. This contrasts with the more

cash-strapped campaign of the "anti" European Foundation, which was severely embarrassed in June by the disclosure that it was receiving financial assistance from Sir James Goldsmith, the founder of the Referendum Party, and which has a budget in the order of only

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Archaeology Correspondent

Unprecedented quantities of ancient South American gold and other treasures are expected to be discovered under a deserted pre-Inca city in death-mask with eyes made of northern Peru.

investigation involving academics in Britain, the United States and Peru, two tombs one of which is the largest excavated in the Americas - have been unearthed, and the posi-tions of a further 12 have been to live in the spirit world.

About 500kg of scrap gold and found with the use of ultra ground-penetrating radar.

Archaeo-metallurgists at the Institute of Archaeology in Lon-don have been analysing the gold er tomb's occupant who it is alloy objects found to establish their ritual and other uses.

The Peruvian site - known to archaeologists as Sican - will al-most certainly yield bulidreds of skeletons and thousands of gold and other artefacts. The larger of the two 1,000-year-old tombs

This is an unparalled opportunity to study a pre-Inca social élite'

excavated consists of a 50ft-deep shaft and contained the remains of 24 people, including one very high status male - perhaps a high priest or a prince - aged 25-30, flanked by two women of 20-25, who appear to have been deliberately sacrificed to accompany him on his jouroey to the spirit world.

The other 21 skeletons - all of females aged 20-25, possibly also sacrificial victims - were buried in a dozen shallow graves oo a ledge immediately above the main chamber.

In the chamber archaeologists led by a leading pre-Columbianist, the Japanese scholar Professor Izumi Shimada of Southern Illinois University in the US, discovered a and social elite of a pre-Inca so-beautiful gold and copper ciety. "The Sican discoveries crown, a gold alloy mask with amber eves, a pair of gold alloy excavating these so-called treagloves and a multi-layer neck-_sures in an archaeological conlace made of blue sodalite, text so we can better understand

turquoise, amber and shell :: The tomb has also yielded the said.

excavated has yielded five skeletons (one man, two women and two children) and several kilos of gold and gold alloy.

The male skeleton was still "wearing" a spectacular golden emeralds and the remains of a In a major archaeological four-layer beadwork cloak of turquoise, crystal, sodalite and sea shells. He was also covered with a layer of red pigment, possibly regarded as a magical potion to ensure that he continued

> gold alloy were also in the tomb suggesting that the man buried thought was connected to the textile industry.

> The whole burial complex of a pyramid, a long platform and 14 tombs form part of a moch larger city which covered almost a square mile and consisted of dozens of public buildings including 10 more pyramids. This was the capital of a pre-Inca Peruvian state which in the 9th and 10th centuries AD controlled some 35,000 square miles of territory between Colombia and oorthern Chile.

> The current excavations are changing the way scholars view treasures found earlier. Often unearthed by looters and treasure-bunters in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, many museum pieces were unprove-nanced and have traditionally been seen as Inca in origin. Now many are being re-categorised as Sican and re-dated as being almost twice as old.

> "The intensive scientific investigation into the Sican material being carried out here in Britain is of vital importance because the Sican tombs are the first of their type ever to have been scientifically excavated by arcbaeologists," Dr John Merkel, head of the London Institute of Archaeology metallurgical team analysing the

> Sican gold, said. Professor Shimada described the dig as "an unparalleled opportunity to study the wealth their cultural significance," be

extraordinary remains of 80. The professor said that the square feet of beautifully decorated gilded cotton cloth, perhaps used as a room partition.





Tomb treasure: A gold alloy mask (main picture) with emerald and tree-resin eyes and a 10in- high gold ornament from a crown

Photographs: Sican Archaeological Project

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DAILY POEM

Sheep's Clothing

By Tobias Hill

Don't get me wrong. Your face is smooth us clingfilm. But, my love, your voice has claws

and though (quite naturally) I'm pleased to say that your fine hands do not resemble paws there is a sweet, dark perfume on your breath

and I find I believe that it has teeth - In many ways you look like death

warmed up. What is it that you keep

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I think there's a wolf in your sheep's clothing, but you wear the clothing well.

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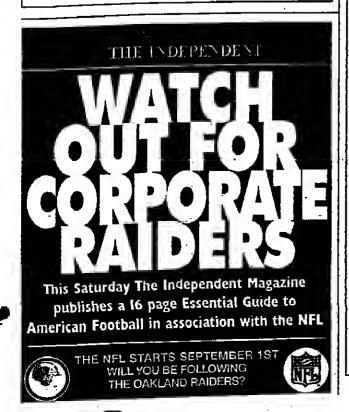
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the Underground shakes the pavement and the moon is a heart's-width. Tobias Hill's first full collection Midnight in the City of Clocks is published by OUP in September. At 26, Hill has won a poctry prize on average every fortnight over the last two years, 74 of them British. A collection of short stories is published by Faber in 1997. His prolificacy alone makes him something of a phenomenon, but there is substance as well and a Fontaine-



Gore stakes claim for next time around

RUPERT CORNWELL

Hardly had Al Gore entered the Democratie Conventioo oo Monday night than the chants began: "Gore in Four, Gore in Four." Whether the summons was spontaneous, or preplanned like most proceedings in the hall, is irrelevant. As with every convention featuring an incumbent president, Chicago '96 has a subtle subplot - the jockeying among potential par-



Clinton took office, the least well-kept secret in Washington has been that Mr Gore wants to succeed where he failed in 1988, and win the top job for himself. And the clearest pointers to his ambitions have come

vice-presidential acceptance fringe events around town.

By the time the convention ends tomorrow, he will have spoken at 17 of them: at fundraisers, and to audiences of labour activists, women and other key party constituencies. He will have made speeches not just to delegations from the giant states of California and New York, but to a couple of tiny ones - Iowa and New Hampshire, where the crucial first tests of the 2000 primary season happen to be scheduled.

But conventions are show- ic National Committee chairspeech tonight - but among the cases, and Mr Gore is not the man have seen him play a maonly pretender on view in Chicago. His most obvious ri-val is the House Minority leader Richard Gephardt, who would become Speaker if the Demacross the country. ocrats recapture Congress this Queried about his plans for autumn. Like Mr Gore, Mr 2000. Mr Dodd trots out the

> Vice-President, he is everywhere to be seen this week. No less menacing a potential rival is Christopher Dodd, the combative Connecticut Senator whose two years as Democrat-

Gephardt ran unsuccessfully

eight years ago; and, like the

jor role in recharging party morale after its 1994 mid-term disaster, and made him a familiar figure to grassroots activists

standard answer: "Tve never thought about it, the only thing that matters is November 5, and re-electing President Clinton." But party leaders in the 42 states Mr Dodd has visited since 1994 might guess other-

ority leader, is mentioned too - though his disclaimers sound more convincing than Mr Dodd's Another lurking figure is retiring Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, who toyed with making a primary challenge to Mr Chinton earlier this year. But events here confirm that the moderate Mr Bradley is admired - hut little-loved.

The most intriguing nar however, is Evan Bayh of Indiana, popular Democratic Gov-emor of a state which invariably

Inevitably, South Dakota's votes Republican in presiden-tial elections, and assigned the tial elections, and assigned the distinction of giving last night's keynote speech. Another moderate, Mr Bayh is only 40, and already identified as the "next might take his chances in 2000.

But at this stage the odds overwhelmingly favour Mr Gore Of the last eight vice presidents, five later became their party's nominee and three went on to be president. A sitting vice-president can draw on the massive organisational and patronage clout of his boss.

Mr Gore has little of the speaking charisma of Mr Clinton, but appeals to both wings of the party. Liberals like his advocacy of social and environmental issues. But by Democrat standards he is hawkish on defence, an economic centrist, and, like Mr Clinton, a former stalwart of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council, Above all, he has pulled off the feat of being scrupulously loy-al and subordinate to the President, while remaining very much his own man.

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Clinton's caboose campaign trails on

DAVID USBORNE

They called it "The 21st Century Express" hut the "Helio There Slow Coach" would be more appropriate. The train hearing Bill Clinton to the Democratic Convention in Chicago mostly creeps along and, for a good part of the time, the President likes to stand on the rear platform greeting anyone along the route.

And people there are. These are not the open fields of Wisconsin where, as one veteran reporter recollects, in 1976 the then President Gerry Ford, after a martini or two in his carriage on a whistle-stop tour of his own, started to regale the cows - for cows and fields were all that could be seen.

For residents along this onetrack rail corridor through north-western Ohio it is as if a national holiday has been declared. Every level crossing, every back garden, every smalltown junction is transformed into a Norman Rockwell tableau. Whole families, with their deck-chairs, picnic blankets and their children's little red wagons, have waited for our. train to roll by. While local sheriffs stand to attention with their left hands raised in salute, the crowds wave their banners and says Mike McCurry, the White press their video-recorder buttons, all against a beartland backdrop of corn fields and

grain elevators. Gilded by the sun of a perfect summer's day, these are of us - then occupy the front moving scenes - even for the most cynical heart. And when the train halts and we disembark for one more train-side rally, the President gives the impression at least, of being stirred himself. His gives his speecb - tedious to those of us who have beard it so many times before in the day - and then descends into the mixing with the sea of outstretched hands, offering a word

to each person he meets. While many of us remember the bus trips the then candidate Clinton took with Al Gore through this same territory four years ago, this is an altogether more sophisticated operation. Like the old circus trains, what we are riding on here is, to be

show on earth. But Mr Clinton is the President and these carriages are doubling as a rolling White House, complete with Oval Office, offices for the staff, press room and, most critically, all the national security paraphernalia that must

accompany the President.

The next car is what the staff have christened "technoworld". Jammed into every available space in a converted panorama car there are phone banks. computers and the hardware to maintain a satellite up-link to the world outside. Speech-writers toil over word processors, all, presumably, refining para-graphs of what will be the Pres-ident's speech to the convention

tomorrow evening.

Move further forward and House spokesman, as we rumalong". The journalists - all 150

sure, the greatest campaign my hands for six months".

What, for example, I ask one close aide to Mr Clinton, is that other train doing following halfa-mile behind us? Hadn't all normal traffic on this route been suspended for the day? "Oh, that train back there," he begins cautiously. "The secret service bas asked us not to talk about that stuff. But I understand there is enough [weaponry] on that train to start a small war".

you reach the briefing room and events car. "An excellent location for a briefing by the press ble past one more beanfield. "Yup", one reporter replies, "this briefing is really moving

four double-decker coaches. In Arlington, Bowling Green, and at our other stops along our Ohio route, the crowds are aware of none of this. They did not notice even that in speeches delivered at noon and at three in the afternoon the President, aware that his words were being recorded for recrowds, to practise again the art transmission at the Chicago he has mastered so brilliantly of convention hall later in the evening, referred repeatedly to "tonight" as if it were the moon. not the sun, that was beating on our heads. (And some say he is a fraud.) They only see what they were meant to see: a campaign spectacular of promises and hunting-clad patriotism.

"I shook his hand twice," said one thrilled grandmother.
"I swear I'm not going to wash



Pained plea: Christopher Reeve, the Superman actor paralysed in a riding accident, about to address the convention on the subject of caring

Syncopated schmaltz seeking an audience

The Democrats served up lightly flavoured, low-calorie fare on the opening day of the party's 42nd national convention. To the bland strains of Kenny G's saxophone - "elevator music", one wag called it - there was a movingly restrained video tribute to the late commerce secretary. Ron Brown: Edward Olmos Jr, the Hispanic Hollywood actor, delivered a plea for "love and compassion in the 21st century"; and Christopher Reeve, the Superman star paralysed after a horse accident last year, stated from his wheelchair that "America is stronger when all of us take care of all of us". Showhiz schmaltz took precedence over partisan rhetorie, the idea being to at-

tract a higger prime-time tele-

vision audience than the Republicans did at their conChicago Diary

vention in San Diego ago two weeks ago and to fix in the public mind an image of the Democrats as the party, in President Bill Clinton's phrase, that feels America's pain.

While most Americans se-riously doubt whether it will make an iota of difference to their lives whether Mr Clinton or Boh Dole is in the White House next year, the mood music at the two conventions has served as a reminder that Republicans and Democrats are indeed two species of animal. The delegates at the Repuhtican overwhelmingly red-meat, con-servative white males, a fifth of whom happened to be million-

aires. The Democratic dele- convention's coolest party". said Labour appeals to all peo- Farrakhan, a Chicago resident gates offered a more representative cross-section of America and the blacks and Hispanics present blended into the spirit of the event. When the official start of the Chicago convention was delayed by a few minutes. the music of "la Macarena", the dance craze from Spain which has set America alight in recent weeks, filled the amphitheatre of the United Centre, the bas-ketball stadium of the Michael Jordan's Chicago Buils. Delegates of all shades from Arizona, Florida and Nebraska leapt to their feet, wiggled their hips, clapped their hands and

Family values be damned was the mood on Sunday night at what was billed as "the

clutched their huttocks with

unchoreographed gusto.

The setting was a disco in Chicago's North Side called the Park West. Pointer Sister look-alikes exhorted the revellers to "do it one more time", an instruction a number of Democratic couples stopped just short of taking literally. One guest, wearing stilettos and a daring party dress, was taken away in a police van, apparently for stretching the bounds of drunken indecency.

Another study in contrasts has been provided by John Prescott, deputy leader of the Labour Party, who made three interances which would never nother study in contrasts pass the lips of any serious contender for US political office. Once, at least, he stood on a public platform and used the word "comrades". He has also

ple, "irrespective of race, gender or sexual orientation". And he has owned that Britain can learn lessons from other countries. Were, say, Vice-President Al Gore to venture such thoughts out aloud, the November election would be all but lost. The Republican spin-doctors would make hay, seizing the conservative centre ground of US politics by portraying the Democrats as Communist, anti-American perverts. Republi-cans and Democrats might belong to different species but. as these political conventions have a habit of reminding one,

One American who appears to be drifting farther and farther into outer space is Louis

habit different planets.

Americans and Europeans in-

who told his audience at a convention of black journalists last week that they were a disgrace to their race, slaves of the white bosses who controlled the American media. This week it has emerged that the former nightclub singer - known as Calypso Gene before be discovered Islam - has gone on his knees before the US Treasury Department, begging to be allowed to pocket \$1bn (£660m) he says Muammar Gaddafi promised him on a "Friendship Tour" to Libya earlier this year. He needs the money in part be-cause he wants to hold a political convention of his own. Let's hope he gets it. American politics could do with a hit of Kenny-G-free dissension and

John Carlin

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Cuba jails US fugitive over 'miracle drug'

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

Robert Vesco, the onetime financier who fled United States justice for almost a quarter of century, has been jailed for 13 years in Cuba for fraud and illegal economic activity. Vesco, 60, wanted in the US

for allegedly running off with \$224m (£148m) of investors' money from the Geneva-based Investors Overseas Services (IOS) in the 1970s, had lived in Cuba since 1982. The Cuban woman he mar-

ried in custody earlier this year, Lidia Alfonso, was jailed for nine years for helping him procure foreign investment in a "miracle drug" against Aids and cancer, allegedly behind the back of the Cuban authorities.

Those are the facts of the court case, which Vesco has 10 days to appeal to Cuba's Supreme Court. But many Cubans believe there is far more to the story than meets the eye. For one thing, when Vesco was first detained in Havana on the former US president, was biggest breakthrough in the his-

31 May last year, Cuba ac-cused him of being a "provoateur and foreign agent". That charge was mysteriously dropped shortly before this month's trīal, in which he was accused only of economic

crimes against the state. Secondly, Vesco told the court he bad never met Cuban Presi-dent Fidel Castro. But he had said in the past that he had and they were widely rumoured to be good friends. Vesco used to move around Havana with a twocar bodyguard second in size only to that of Castro himself.

Thirdly, the key to the court case was that Vesco was trying to sell the drug behind Cuba's back. But Vesco denied this and pointed out that he had been developing the drug TX, or Trioxidal, in the Havana laboratories of the state-owned Labiofam pharmaceutical company.

And that brings us to the tale of the two presidents' nephews. Labiofam is run by the Cuban leader's nepbew, Fragga Castro. Donald Nixon Jnr, nepbew of



Vesco arriving at a Havana court earlier this month

working on the drug in Havana with Vesco and was detained in Vesco's home on the same day, 31 May last year. Mr Nixon was freed after several weeks of supervision in a Havana hotel.

The rumour spreading through Havana is that the signs of success, heralding a battle between Cuba on the one side, and Vesco, Mr Nixon and its US inventor on the other, over potential billion-dollar profits. Mr Nixon said he hrought the drug, invented by a doctor friend, to Vesco in Havana four years ago for testing and development after it cured his wife of cancer. The inventor wanted to bypass the 10-12 year

delay for approval in the US. "I'm sitting on top of the

you put it on immediately, it's

tory of man," Mr Nixon told The Independent. "I believe it would stop every disease including Aids. If you have herpes on your lip and

> gone. If you put it on a burn, it's gone within a minute." Mr Nixon said the drug, extracted from the citronella plant, had been tested on Cubans aged from five to 80 with "rave results" and that the Cuban government had signed a development and production deal with the unnamed US inventor. "Our deal was that for every two doses, one would be sold abroad, one would be for free use by Cubans under the

bealth service. This could be worth one billion dollars a month. And the inventor will eventually receive the Nobel prize," Mr Nixon said.

Spain to replace envoy in Havana

ELIZABETH NASH

Spain is expected to send a new ambassador to Cuba after just 15 months, reinforcing the tougher line taken by Jose Maria Aznar's conservative government towards the regime of Fidel Cas-tro. The imminent nomination, reported in yesterday's El Pais spaper, could open fissures in Mr Aznar's government.

It is hardly surprising that Mr Aznar would feel frostier towards Mr Castro than did his socialist predecessor Felipe Gonzalez. One of Mr Aznar's first international initiatives, taken during a Spanish visit by the US Vice-President Al Gore in May, was to promise the United States full co-operation wilb its anti-Cuban measures pro-

posed in the Helms-Burton law. But the new Prime Minister swiftly recanted under a wave of protest from Spanish companies operating in Cuba who wield powerful clout in the ruling Popular Party. Within days of Mr Aznar's meeting with Mr Gore, the head of the giant Sol Melia hotel chain, owner of hotels in both Cuba and the US, said that if the Helms-Burton

Cuba – were implemented, he would close his US operations rather than his Cuban ones.

In the months following, M. Aznar was whipped into line with the rest of the EU when Brussels decided to take action against the Helms-Burton law. and the Foreign Ministry now says it "rejects the law totally". Spain has stronger economic ties with Cuba than has any other European country. Span-

ish tourism and construction companies operating in Cuba are an important pressure group in Madrid. El Pais reports that the Foreign

Minister, Abel Matutes, told the ambassador, Eudaldo Mirapeix, two months ago that be wanted him to stay, but was overruled by the Prime Minister who prefers Jose Coderch, a diplomat close to the former conservative prime minister, Adolfo Suarez. The step would be a snub to

Mr Matutes who, despite his experience as a former European Commissioner, and his influence in the business community, is considered to be outside Mr Aznar's close circle. As an entrepreneur, Mr Matutes is inclined to favour business relations with Cuba. The move also indicates law - that would sanction forlaw - that would sanction for-eign companies operating in nomic pragmatism.



The director Claude Lelouche (left) on set with Bernard Tapie, the surprise of Lelouche's latest film in his new métier - acting

Art imitates life as Tapie acts a new role

MARY DEJEVSKY Paris

It had to happen and now it has. Bernard Tapie, the disgraced politician and crooked football manager whose name is a byword in France for the discredited flamboyance of the Eighties, has started in a film and the awful truth is that he does it rather well.

Establishment knives were out for Tapie long before the first whispers of his mid-life career change began to circulate a year ago: corruption convictions, failed appeals and bankruptcy had seen to that. Today, though, after a première last night at a Champs-Elysées cinema, the film critics will take over from the political com-mentators and Tapie the actor could well become as much of a hero as Tapie the politician

was in his heyday.

To underline the transition, he is expected today to resign his parliamentary seat in south-ern France to concentrate on his new career". In fact, be has little choice: his bankruptcy means he is barred from public office. For Tapie, though, if one door closes, another tends

user's manual), he plays Benoit Blanc, a successful lawyer with a penchant for helicopters, a gambler's instinct and a messy. love life. He is the counterpoint for Fabio Lini, a poor, aspiring actor whose pessimism knows no bounds.

They are brought together in a hospital waiting-room by a similar stomach complaint. The results of their tests are deliberately mixed up by a (woman) doctor who wants revenge on Blanc for an earlier indiscretion, and their predicament is re-solved, in every respect, by a fan-tastical trip in his helicopter to the shrine of St Bernadette at Lourdes. Blanc's catch-phrase, "If you expect the worst, you are never disappointed", provides a leitmotif.

The film is hardly the work of a novice, nor is it a mere vehicle for Tapie. It is the latest work of Claude Lelouche, whose early films included Un homme et une femme. The cast contains some of the French cinema's best-known names, including Jean-Paul Belmondo and Anouk Aimée. Tapie is almost the only newcomer. But you would not know it.

In Hommes, femmes, mode From his first appearance, he in-d'emploi (Men and women: a vites conviction in his new incarnation to an almost ceric

It is now just about accepted that a film actor can become president of the United States but it also seems a blustering French politician can reverse the process and turn actor.

Cynics say Tapie was only ever an actor and is merely reverting to type. The truth is, though, that at a popular level, he has a considerable knack for

timing.
His rapid political rise – to government minister - began under François Mitterrand. His eclipse paralleled that of the late president and his first day of filming coincided with Mitterrand's death. Despite his court convictions, including one for freing a football match, he has retained considerable public

Now there is a more than a risk that his performance on screen in a roguish but sympathetic role not unlike his erstwhile political image could eventually relaunch his career in politics. It might even help his bank balance: he is said to have a 25-per-cent stake in the film's

Bosnia election: Local vote put off over registration irregularities

Cancelled poll rouses Serbs to defiance

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

The Bosnian local elections, the most contentious of those scheduled for 14 September. have been postponed in a move which will have important consequences for Bosnia and the presidential elections. The Bosnian Serbs said they would go ahead with their own local

polls anyway. Robert Frowick, the ambassador of the international supervising body, said he had made a "chairman's decision" and the elections would probably he held in April or May. which means the peace implementation force. I-For, is likely to remain throughout winter.

The US diplomat cited irregularities in the Serbs' voter registration as one reason for postponement. The other four



Frowick: Has decided that main vote will go ahead

elections scheduled for 14 Sep-tember would go shead. The decision was delayed until the last minute: the first of the 1,200 international election supervisors are due in Sarajevo today. The announcement, follow-

ing a meeting of the Provisional Elections Commission, was a surprise, because voting among refugees in Turkey and Hungary had already started. The PEC was due to decide on Friday and when it postponed its decision until vesterday, many observers thought it would be too late to

Yesterday Mr Frowick, ambassador for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is supervising the polls, said the PEC had met to consider the advisability of proceeding with the elections in the face of widespread abuse. He has faced strong pressure from the US State Department to push ahead with the elections. Mr in two means a large presence Frowick said: "We couldn't do this on a case-by-case basis. We needed. But this will be bad had to take a sweeping view".

At the weekend, authorities in Republika Srpska, the Serb half of Bosnia, said that if the municipal elections were postponed, they would hold their own. As well as irregularities in voter registration on the Serb have to decide before they did,

side, opposition candidates have been harassed in the Muslim-Croat federation. In the Muslim city of Bihac, opposition supporters have been attacked with hand grenades and bad election material confiscated

Bosnia's 3 million voters will still vote for an individual for the three-person presidency of al Bosnia; for parties in an all-Bosnia assembly and for deputies to an assembly for either the Muslim-Croat federation or the Republika Srpska. In Republika Srpska they will elect a president, and in the federation an assembly in one of 18 cantons. But the elections in 109 municipalities in both halves of Bosnia have been cancelled.

The Dayton agreement which brought peace to Bosnia last November specified that presidential, national, and enlity elections should take place 14 September, and cantonal and municipal elections "if feasible"

Mr Frowick finally decided that they were not. "I took this decision after a very lengthy discussion." he said.

The overriding factor had to be the integrity of the election process. I want to emphasise that all the rest of the elections - those that are required under the peace agreement - are on

The main problem concerned the registration of vot-ers who were refugees abroad, or displaced persons driven from one part of Bosnia to another. Seths driven out of federation territory have registered to vote where they now are, consolidating the ethnic purity of Republika Srpska, while many Muslims driven out of that area have chosen to vote - as Dayton entitles them to do-where they came from, although it is

Under Dayton rules, the 52,000-strong peace force was mandated to supervise the elections next month and remain until 20 December, Asked what the effect of postponing the municipal elections until spring would be, Mr Frowick said: "it's up to 1-For to respond. From my point of view, it would be advisable for some sort of international military force to re-

unlikely the Serbs will let them.

main here for some time." Although some sort of Nato presence was expected after 20 December, the need to develon democratic conditions and keep the former warring factions from splitting the country including US troops – is now news for President Bill Clinton in his election campaign.

Asked what he would do if the Serbs held their own election, without international approval, Mr Frowick said the international community would IF YOUR BUILDING SOCIETY TURNS INTO A BANK

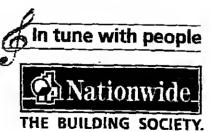
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Yeltsin's war of nerves tries his peace emissary

from both sides of the Chechen war yesterday extended a fragile six-day peace by signing a new truce, one baffling question dominated all others. What is Boris Yeltsin playing at? Why is he snubbing his own envoy to the war zone, Alexander

Three days ago the retired general interrupted his peace negotiations in Chechnya and rushed to Moscow, saying he wanted a meeting with the Pres-ident to discuss the separatists proposals for settling the war, which has cost 35,000 lives, drained the Kremlin's coffers, humiliated its army, and exposed Russia to international

Phil Reeves in Moscow considers why the President so distrusts Lebed

He needed the President's personal clearance before signing a deal. The details are unknown, but reports yesterday suggested they envisaged giving Chechnya "special states" with in Russia, although a full set-tlement could be delayed for up to five years. The Chechen army, which the rebels want to be independent, but which the Russians want to oversee, is one sticking-point.

What was Mr Yeltsin's response? His aides announced he had left for a holiday. Mr Lebed, who is desperate for a quick settlement, waited around for two days before being ordered by the Kremlin yesterday to deliver a written report. According to the general's aides, only then would the President decide whether to interrupt his relaxation and see him, or talk to him by phone.

This is the second time Mr Yeltsin has turned a frosty shoulder to his peace envoy; last week he declared he was not "entirely satisfied" with Mr Lebed's mission, unaware that he was close to a truce. Why, Russians are wondering, is their president undermining his envov at a crucial time?

Firstly, Mr Yeltsin appears to be trying to insulate himself from the backlash that will arise if a final settlement over Chechnya is reached. As the head of an unstable country, where the support of the military remains crucial, he wants Mr Lebed to bear the brunt of the ire of the die-hard generals, and senior officials in the "power" ministries - defence, security, and interior - who believe withdrawing from the Muslim republic is tantamount to a hu-

miliating defeat.
Flak is already flying. The dominant Communist faction in parliament has alleged that the President granted "unconstitutional" powers to Mr Lebed as his Chechen envoy, which they plan to challenge in court. Its deputy speaker, Sergei Baburin, yesterday accused Mr Lebed of masterminding a "political crime" - the secession of

Chechnya from Russia. There are also more personal factors. In the two months since his appointmeot as security tsar, Mr Lebed has provided the President with several reasons to bear a grudge. He was a moving force behind the firing of Mr Yeltsin's bosom pal and chief bodyguard, Alexander Korzhakov, as well as several other hawks.

He has embarrassed Mr Yeltsin by oaming his own choice of a Defence Minister, Igor Rodionov, before Mr Yeltsin had announced a decision (He gave Mr Rodionov the job). He has angered him by calling for the sacking of his Interior Minister, Anatoly Kulikov, at a press conference, which the President rejected. And, worse, he has shown a talent for the limelight that only he, Boris Yeltsin, can match. Mr Lebed is proving to be

highly media-savvy and popular with the press, which mostly backs his peace efforts. For a man with Mr Yeltsin's ego and sense of showmanship, this must be painful to behold. However, whether Mr

Yehsin's strategy of snubbing his envoy is of his own making is questionable.

The President is in poor health. He also has a habit of abruptly cutting himself off from affairs, and heading off into the country to brood - especially after big events, such as the elections in July. The decision to shut out Mr Lebed could easily be the work of the President's staff, headed by Anatoly Chubais.

This is not the first time Mr Lebed has had difficulties with the Kremlin's inner circle; last week he suggested someone was issuing orders, using a facsimi-le of Mr Yeltsin's signature. Mr Chubais, the President's chief of staff, is committed to ending the Chechen war. But he is ambitious, and is no doubt keen to put down a rival. As a liberal, he is also likely to view Mr Lebed's accumulation of power, and his desire to oversee all the security structures, as alarm-

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Dulgaria's Supreme Court overturned death sentences and jail terms against 48 pre-Communist leaders and three royal regents imposed by a Communist court half a century ago. An official said the Supreme Court voted 2-1 to revoke convictions against the king's three regents as well as prime ministers and ministers for their responsibility for Bulgaria's involvement in the Second World War. A 13-member jury of the People's Court had sentenced to death 33 out of the 51 convicted officials and politicians in February 1945. All the death sentences were carried out, Reuter - Sofia

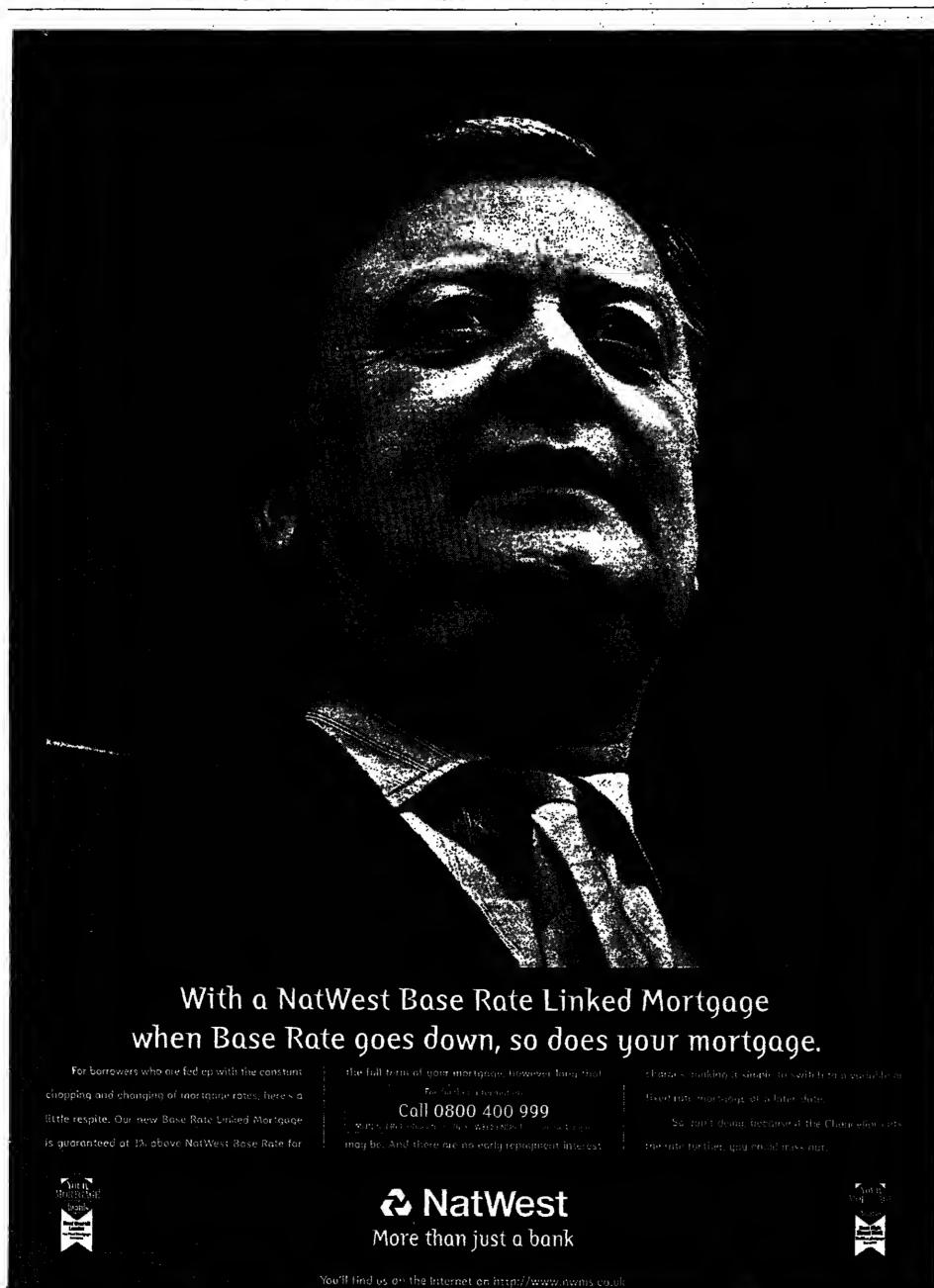
The Estonian parliament failed for a third and final time to elect a new state president, refusing a second mandate for incumbent Lennart Meri. Neither Mr Meri nor his rival Arnold Ruutel could garner the 68 votes needed from the 101 members of parliament to become president. The decision will now be made by a larger assembly. Reuter - Tallinn

Three Australian Catholic nuns held captive for 10 days by rebels in southern Sudan have told a mediator seeking their release they believe their freedom is imminent. The nuns are being held with three other missionaries by the Sudan People's Liberation Army rebels at Mapourdit, where the nuns were teaching, in the mainly Christian and animist south. They are accused of spying and being agents of Islam. Reuter - Canberra

An Arab community centre was demolished after a buildozer was hoisted over the walls of Jerusalem, and officials approved the expansion of a West Bank settlement, fuelling Palestinian doubts about Israel's commitment to implementing the Oslo peace agreement. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat urged foreign envoys to put pressure on Israel to stop demolitions. Palestinian legislators rushed to the Old City to lead protests against the demolition which they said City to lead protests against the demolition, which they said showed that Israel's right-wing government was not committed to the peace process. A Jerusalem Municipality spokeswoman said the unfinished community centre was built without a permit. In a separate move the government said it had approved the building of a new neighbourhood at a Jewish settlement in the West Bank. Reuter – Jerusalem

India will host the Miss World contest for the first time in November, with contestants from more than 90 countries. India also has the rights to the 1997 and 1998 contests. "This is an opportunity to expose our culture to the world," said Amitabh Bachchan, chairman and managing director of Indian media conglomerate Amitabh Bachchan Corporatioo Limited. "We expect the event to be a major boost to tourism in India." he said. "The cost of staging the 1996 event is expected to be between 70m (£1.3m) and 80m rupees," he said. Reuter - Bangalore.

Two passengers attempting to take a snake and two hawks on to an EgyptAir flight at Cairo airport were foiled by security officials. They found the snake in a bottle of mineral water hidden under a robe worn by one of the passengers. Costoms officials detected the hawks while the other world have a state of the same of the of the sa other man's luggage was being X-rayed. The passengers said they were taking the snake and birds back to Kuwait, to give as a present and hunt with respectively. Airport authorities confiscated the animals. Reuter - Cairo



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Moldova man-trap awaits England

As Glenn Hoddle's men embark on their World Cup journey into the unknown.

Trevor Haylett reports on what they might find

It is hard to resist the observation that with local wine in generous supply and the brandy rated superior to that from France - a judgment, incidentally, made by a Frenchman the compensations for England's footballers travelling to Moldova this weekend are substantial.

Of course, unless Glenn Hoddle's faith in the Continental approach includes alcohol with the pre-match meal, the opportunity for serious reshment for Paul Gascoigne, Teddy Sheringham and those others who, in Hong Kong. changed forever the profile of the dentist's chair, might well depend on them surviving Sunday's World Cup experience with their reputations intact.

Commencing a new qualifying campaign in such strange and stark surroundings can never be ideal but surely defeat for Hoddle's side is unthinkable? After all, who are the luminaries from the Moldovan league - a 14-club competition which struggles to capture the attention of even the local inhabitants to stand tall alongside our Premiership heroes?

Wales made much the same mistake and stumbled blindly into the man-trap, paying heavily two years ago for a disastrous preparation with a shock 3-2 defeat and acute embarrassment from which their European Championship ambitions could never recover. Yet there are several reasons why England can confidently expect a more suc-

cessful outcome. Hoddle, clearly, has better players from whom to choose. For Moldova's first competitive home fixture since independence from the former Soviet Union was granted in 1991, Wales were lacking Hughes, Rush, Giggs and Saunders and were woefully inexperienced at that level. Strong character was



required, such was the strength of nationalist clamour, but the stand-ins from the First Division were unable to cope.

Moldova are now more experienced member of football's international community and as such the English Football Association has found communications easier than did their Cardiff colleagues. So England have booked into the best hotel in Kishinev, and avoided "Cockroach City" which is how Neville Southall and Co came to regard their dark and dismal

accommodation. An added factor will be the admiration, bordering on awe,

visitors. The likes of Gascoigne. Shearer and Ince are held in high esteem. Those making reconnaissance missions to the Moldovan capital in recent weeks have found their attempts to gather information about the home side lost in a never-ending series of requests about Hoddle's first interna-

tional team, and, in particular, Your £15m man". Even the best home players hardly merit a second glance from the impoverished folk who in a country of 4.3 million and sandwiched between Romania

that they have for their English . scratch out an unenviable living from their tiny roadside stalls. in which the most basic wares are offered for sale.

Not many can afford to support the domestic league. Not 100 are not uncommon, football in popularity. In Kishinev the country's star turn, Alexander Courtenau, a midfield player with both imaginative flair and film star looks can walk around completely undisturbed.

Now recovered from a serious knee injury which aborted his transfer to Stuttgart, Courteand the Ukraine, are forced to nau is both captain and inspi-

Gould, who achieved a measure ration for a side that has undergone many changes in the last two years. The coach, Ion Caras, has a team long on youth and short on height. In a recent Smith as manager. friendly against Turkey two 19-Smith never lived down the year-olds, Sergei Epureanu and Alexander Popovic, were in-

specialists David Beckham and David Batty should already be sharpening their shooting skills. They have an awareness of what to do when in possession hut my overriding feeling was that Moldova were lightweight up front," commented Bobby

Romanenko, has a tendency to

rush from his line so distance-

of Welsh revenge with a singlegoal victory 12 months ago in his first game since replacing Mike

humiliation of Kishinev. Yet he does not foresee similar probone of those games when it all went wrong," he recalls. "We were not able to get hold of any videos and so we didn't really know what to expect. It was a big occasion for them and they were prepared to die for the cause whereas we did not have enough prepared to die for our cause." Moldova also possess the

sound technique with which all East European teams have in abundance. Just look at how English defences have struggled to cope with Georgi Kinkladze, the midfield genius Manchester City recruited from Georgia.

Kinkladze," said the Moldovan federation president, Petru Comendant, with undisguised pride. "He can be brilliant or terrible but on his day Courtenau can run a game and that is some-thing Kinkladze cannot do." The pitch will not be as hard

as Wales encountered but with upwards of a dozen matches

played every weekend at the Ro publican Stadium the goalmouths are, even at this stage of the season, short of grass. With no other facilities, England's training and the under-21 fixture must all take place at the same location. It holds 20,000, the authorities say they could have sold twice that number of tickets.

About 700 English supporters are expected and the city's dilapidated roads and the ramshackle vehicles will be an eyeopener for them. Moldova's economy is slowly improving but without the assistance of Uefa, Enrope's governing body, it is hard to see how international football could survive there.

"We offer help across the board, in administration, coaching, refereeing and by improving the infrastructure" said Eric Epple, who heads the East European Assistance Bureau, an independent department within Uefa and supporting, among others, the new federations created by the break-up of the So-

"I've seen for myself the improvement in skill and Moidova has some excellent players even if as a team there is still much to work on," Epple said. "On a practical level we have provided computers and furniture to rebuild the federation headquarters. Currently we are looking at the possibility of reconstructing the national stadium.

"I know the German team had reservations about going heard of Wales' problems, but they remarked afterwards of the beautiful experience' of seeing how people in other countries tackle their difficulties. It is good for highly paid players to see that those with less money can also lead happy lives." World Cup qualifying guide

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Are Moldova all that bad? Six of Europe's perennial strugglers



qualifying games is a poor record by any standards. After victories against Switzerland In 1974, the Cypriots waited almost 20 years for another big the Farce Islands and a draw with Czechoslovakia during the qualifying stages for USA 94 meant that for once Cyprus avoided the wooden spoon. Home draws with Denmark and Belgium during qualification for Euro 96 indicate that over-confident teams now enter the Makarion Athletic Centre stadi-um at their peril. Cyprus could create panic among their illustrious Group Five opponents, Rus-sia and Butgaria, but history suggests that it may be time for them to return to their familiar position at the foot of the table.



Estonia competed in their first

competitive international match in 1920, when they gave a clear indication of future intent by finishing on the wrong end of a 6-0 scoreline against Finland in Helsinki. They improved little after that baptism of fire and by to the Soviet Union in 1939, they had managed just a handful of wins in 113 matches. Since regaining their Independence following the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991, Estonia have failed to make any further impression on the footballing world. Their last win came away to Liechtenstein in 1993 and since that famous victory they have endured a fruitless run of 33 matches in earch of another. With the likes of Sweden. Scotland and Austria In the same qualifying group, Estonia will almost certain to concentrate their efforts on a bottom-of-the-table doglight against their East European foes Belarus and Latvia, if they are to repeat the success they enjoyed in the qualifying stages for the 1938 World Cup, when they managed to svoid rock bottom by a single place.

European Championship Record

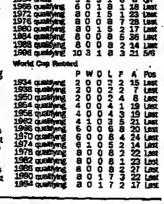
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down in the annals of football history as the day the parttimers from the Faroe Islands, in their first European Champifaced Austrian side, 1-0, in Sweden, Goalkeeper Jens Martin hero with a series of ecrobatic saves and a natty fine in wintery head-gear. Sadly this was not to be the birth of a football power as their next seven matches yielded just a single point - at Windsor Park against Northern Ireland. As if to emphasise the point they lost all 10 of their 1994 World Cup qualifiers, scoring just once. The 1996 European qualifiers appear to have provided the Farce Islanders with something to be more positive about, yielding two victories. against San Marino, who have vet to win a competitive international. Their tack of success Is just a little surprising considering about one in 10 adult males in the Faroe Islands is a registered



Since reaching the quarter-finals of the 1964 European Championships by knacking out the Netherlands, the Grand Duchy have scarcely scaled Internationnext victory in the Champi-onships came over 20 years later, in February 1995, when they defeated Malta in Valletta. Confirmation of their recent renalssance was evident during Euro 96 qualification, when they beat the Czech Republic with a lest-minute goal from Guy Hellers. But their World Cup form has been unnermarkable, yielding just three wins in 74 games.



Statistics by Brian Mellowship. Analysis by Jason Gee and Brian Mellowship



The 1994 World Cup campaign

allowed Malta to break their long-running duck in a competition which had seen 39 matches pass without even a faint scent of victory. A 1-0 win in Tallinn inst Estonia with a goal from Kris Laferia hardly prompted dancing in the streets of Valletta, but it did enable Malta to escape the last place in the group for the first time. The quest for glory in the European Champi-onships makes equally distress-ing reading for the Maltese with ist two wins - one against Greece in 1975 and the second against iceland in 1984 - to show for their efforts. The team are now deeply entrenched in another impressive run of 32 metches without a win in the Championships. They can expect little mercy from Spain, the Czech Republic, Yugoslavia and Slovakia in the battle from quali-



When Stuart Pearce exploded like an emotional time bomb during the penalty shoot-out

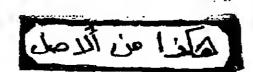
was not merely the memory of his penalty miss against Germany in the 1990 World Cup that he was expressing. On 17 into the final qualifying match for USA 94, Pearce's error enabled San Marino's Davide Gaultieri, a computer clerk, to slide the bell past David Seamen. To a country as small as San Marino, whose national stadium can house one-third of the population, that goal was a source of national pride, even though they went on to lose part-timers, who have conceded 132 goals in 34 winless Europeen Championship and World Cup qualifiers, big teams usually consider it a case of how many goals they can notch. San Manno will find it harder than usual to score when under sleep from Wales and the Netherlands, But the Wales coach, Bobby Gould, should remember Bologna conceding even one goal could

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MARK BURTON

AND ALAN NIXON

Francis Lee made it clear to

Manchester City's players yes-terday that they should share the

hlame for the decision of his

friend Alan Ball to relinquish

the manager's job at Maine

The City chairman suggested that little had changed since the club was relegated from the

Premiership last May when he

said: "If results had gone dif-

ferently in the first three games

of the season, I wouldn't be

looking for a new manager."

said Lec. who has seen City lose

their last two First Division

games. "I've told the players

they have an obligation to the

29,000 fans who turned up to

watch us play Ipswich and the massive following we take to

away matches. I spoke to the

players this morning and told them if they didn't want to be

here they needed only to get up

and walk out. They all stayed

It is open to question how

long Georgi Kinkladze will stay

where be is. He has asked his

Swiss agent Philippe Hubert to

discuss his future in a meeting

Although the Georgian mid-

field player stayed with the

eluh after they were relegated.

be was waiting to see how they

started the new season, but he

has apparently not found the

more frantic First Division foot-

Lee is under pressure to buy

rather than sell, but if Kinkladze

decided he wanted to leave, his transfer could generate £5m for

The former England forward

elimbing to the top of the Pre-

says he is fighting a losing battle

as he attempts to keep the cash-

strapped London club in the top

flight while others are spending

millions to remain in the big time.

The former Republic of Ireland

international believes that if

Wimbledon can win permission

to move, lock, stock and barrel,

to a new base in Dublin, be would

be in charge of "potentially the.

bottom of the table without a

point or goal after three succes-

sive defeats, have survived in the

top division for 10 seasons despite

living on a diet of homegrown tal-

ent, bargain basement buys and

gates that would barely look good

in the Second Division, Wimble-

don's owner, Sam Hammam, re- son," he said.

Wimbledon, anchored to the

biggest club in Eurone".

The Dons' boss, Joe Kinnear,

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with Francis Lee tomorrow.

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be for a 70,000-capacity site across

to be the higgest club in Europe

if we moved to Dublin, as daft

as it may seem," Kinnear said.

"Duhlin has five million people

and the whole of Ireland is on

fire with the possibility of us go-

ing there. They are excited by

the prospect of seeing the likes of Man United, Liverpool, Ar-

senal and the like, and a move

there would give us the base to

Kinnear feels that his ability

become like Celtic or Rangers,"

lo keep Wimhledon treading

water in the Premiership is be-

ing eroded by the massive

amounts of money that clubs are

splashing out. "Clubs want £3m

for players who would have

cost us less that £1m last sea-

"We would have the potential

the Irish Sea.

where they were."

ball to his liking.

the next manager.

Graham

When England re-turned to Bisham Abbey this week to prepare for Sunday's match in Moldova there was the usual footballers' banter. For one player, though, it had an added piquancy. Since England's last training session, Gareth Southgate had gained an

unwanted notoriety. Having endured the mickeytaking - "it's better to have it in the open" - he then faced a greater ordeal. Meeting the press. "It is not something you can ever completely forget," he said. "there will always be reminders. It appears on television when you least expect it and you get that sickly feeling in the stomach. It will always be on my conscience that, ultimately, my miss put England out of the tournament but there is nothing I can do about it now. I have to look to the future.

I was pleased to get back play-ing for Aston Villa and hope to get the opportunity to do the same for England on Sunday.

The messages of support and letters of sympathy were a tremendous boost. It can never change what happened but it did make me feel I am fortunate to be doing what I am, to be fit and healthy. I had letters from handicapped people, from people whose children have problems, and you realise we were able to lift those people during those weeks when when we played so well and that's tremendous."

He intends answering the many letters be received except a few, including an unsigned one. Southgate explained: "I Paul Gascoigne trained.

had a letter from a bloke who said 'I've got to appear in court

- it should be you."

He debanked a footballing urban myth. It was said that, in the beery aftermath of Eng-land's exit Sluart Pearce had come up to Southgate and said: Never mind Gareth, those six

years just fly past."
"He didn't say it to me,"
Southgate said, "but I did have a long chat to him straight after. He said that many people had written to him and he realised there is more to life than what happened. You have to keep it in perspective.

There are two ways to react to setbacks. You can either shrivel up, sit in a corner and mope about it, or push ahead and try and do something about the future. The most nervous I felt was my first pre-season game at Walsall. It was the first time I had been in front of the public and I knew people were saying is he going to crumble'. I was keen to show to the public that was not

Nicholson

going to be the case.
"I still think penalties are the fairest way. It is a test of skill, and of nerve, which is what football is about. If the situation arose again I would take one - I might practise a hit more though.

Liverpool's Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler put off joining the England squad to see a specialist on Merseyside about their back injuries. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, is becoming resigned to being without both when he leaves on Friday for Moldova.

His first week's training has been further disrupted by treatment to the Newcastle pair, Steve Howey and David Batty, and neither Les Ferdinand nor

McGrath left out of Republic squad

Paul McGrath is determined to force his way back into the Republic of Ireland squad after being left out by the manager, Mick McCarthy, when he annormord a 20-man squad to Saturday's opening World Cup tie in Liechtenstein.

McGrath, 36, who won his record 82nd Irish cap against the Czech Republic in Prague last April, had been named in every party for 11 years. He blamed his exclusion on his failure to break into Aston Villa's first team this season. He said: "The fact I have been on the bench for the opening three League games hasn't helped. I need to be playing first

vices earlier this summer. team football. settled the issue with a wonderfully struck 20-yard drive in "I accept what has happened and understand Mick's decision. And the former England But obviously the priority now man admitted: "The players is to get back as soon as possiwere aware of the crowd, but we hie to Villa and have a chat with Brian Little. Villa have been very good to me. They offered me a new one-year contract and I enjoyed all the pre-season

games. But there's no room for

stage of my career, I need first team foothall and would even be prepared to drop to a lower level just to keep playing."

McCarthy said: "It was a di ficult decision to leave out Paul. We have been great friends for a long time and been through quite a few things together."

Also omitted are centre-backs Alan Kernaghan and Liam Daish, and full-back Gary Kelly cannot travel as be is having a scan on a knee injury picked up in Monday's 1-0 victory over Wimbledon at Elland Road.

McCarthy has included eight players who did not figure during the latter period of Jack Charlton's reign: Given, Fleming, Breen, Harte, Cunningham, Parrelly. Moore and O'Neill.

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Richard Jobson of Leeds (right) climbs high with Wimbledon's Neal Ardley on Monday night

Wilkinson's diving platform

Howard Wilkinson shrugged off an Elland Road chorus of disapproval to reassert his faith in the footballing principles which he helieves will catapult

Leeds back to the top. The hard-talking Leeds boss beard jeers before Lee Sharpe's spectacular first goal for the club brought a 1-0 victory over Wimbledon to lift the storm clouds that had been gathering over the west Yorkshire club on Monday night. There were even muted chants for Kenny Dalglish on a work hard and pass the hall. If

night when Leeds struggled to overcome the combative Dons before sentencing Joe Kinnear's men to a third successive defeat. which keeps them anchored lo the bottom of the Premiership without a point or goal to their

Wilkinson said: "It was a very trying and difficult night for our players, but I thought our youngsters showed a lot of character, courage and mental toughness. I told the players to

they had listened to the crowd in the first half that wouldn't have happened and we wouldn't have got what I always believed we would get.

"The supporters pay their money and are entitled to bebave how they want, provided it is within the law," Wilkinson said. "But I would argue that they thought what we were doing would not be successful, but we stuck to our guns and I think we were right to."

Sharpe, who prompted Wil-

knew we had to keep our heads, keep passing and be patient.
"It was a night to remember for me and the win has given us a platform to build on.

the 58th minute.

Morgan falls just short of perfect score

Snooker

Brian Morgan joined one of snooker's most select clubs during his 5-3 victory over John Giles in the last 64 of the Asian Classic at Blackpool yesterday. Morgan, a 28-year-old former world junior champion from

Southend, compiled only the fourth 146-break ever witnessed in professional competition. After potting the opening 12 reds with 12 blacks, Morgan looked set to construct a maximum, but be suffered a kick in sinking the 13th red which left

him with an extremely difficult thin clip on the black. He decided to pot a much simpler pink to a middle pocket, from where he cleared the table. He is only the third player to secure a 146 after Stephen Hendry, who has recorded two, and James Reynolds, a 17-year-

old from Pontypridd who made his in a preliminary round of the German Open at the weekend. Morgan now faces Mick Price in the final qualifying round on Tuesday, with a place in the 32man concluding stages of the

event in Bangkok at stake. Grimsby's Dean Reynolds, down to 38th in the world rankings after a series of dismal results over the past two years, pulled off a stirring fightback as he beat Mark Davis 5-4 after

Hill linked again with McLaren **Motor racing** by Ron Dennis, McLaren's

Damon Hill is being courted by the new West McLaren-Mercedes Formula One team, a process that seems certain to intensify if he wins the world championship.

kinson to match Leeds's record

transfer fee in paying Man-chester United £4.5m for his ser-

The new F1 name was unveiled on Monday when McLaren confirmed the end of its 23-year partnership with Philip Morris and the Marlboro cigarette brand and announced a five-year deal with the German tobacco company Reemtsma, which owns the West

cigarette hrand. Reports yesterday said Hill had been offered a £12m deal

managing director. Dennis has said that David Coulthard would return next year, but left the door open about the other seat, saying only that "the best available driver" would take that spot. Mika Hakkinen is driving this season with Coulthard.

Hill is 13 points ahead of his nearest rival, his Williams-Renault team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, with three races to go. The uext grand prix is at Monza, in Italy, on 8 September.

Alain Prost, the four-time world champion, is believed to be behind the attempt to land Hill. Prost and Dennis are close friends and Prost won his last world title in 1993 when he was teamed with Hill at Williams-Renault

There has been much spec-ulation surrounding Hill's drive next season, as his contract with Williams expires this year. and he has been open about wanting a much richer deal if he wins the world title. He is also reported to be in talks with Jordan Peugeot and the new Stewart Ford team, as well as Williams and McLaren.

Under the Marlboro partnership, MeLaren won nine drivers' world titles, seven constructors' titles and 96 FI races, but has yet to win a grand prix this season. Philip Morris is reported to be getting out because of the high cost of the sport.

Australian courts trouble again

Australia's Anthony Hill was in trouble again yesterday after receiving a conduct warning for verbal abuse during his firstround win over England's Mark Chaloner in the Hong Kong

Hill, who completed a threemonth ban from squash earlier this year for his misbebaviour at last November's World Open. received the warning during the second game of a physical

fessional Squash Association lishman Mark Cairns in the first months if his penalties this year exceed \$780

Hill will face another test of his temperament tomorrow. when he meets Pakistan's Mir Zaman Gul. There has been bad blood between the two since incidents at the 1994 British Open, when Gul was disqualified for butting Hill, and last year's World Team Champlonship, when Hill physically and verbally abused Gul.

Del Harris complained about match. He now faces a fine of squasb's new seeding system af-up to \$312 (£200) from the Pro-ter losing to his fellow Eng-

and will be suspended for 12 round. The PSA reduced the number of seeds in major tournaments from 16 to 8 in January, which Harris claims has led to lopsided draws. While Harris faced a player

ranked just six places below him in the first round, two qualifiers ranked 60th and 36th played each other. "I think the draw is crazy." Harris said. "The sooner they change it the better."

The top seed Jarsher Khan. aiming for an eighth Hong Kong Open title, beat wild-card entry Jackie Lee of Hong Kong to go into the second round.

'Ethnic cleansing' row boils up Down Under

Australia

Football in Australia has traditionally been organwith clubs virtually belonging to tightly knit European immigrant communities. This bas long been a cause for concern within the country's tootball governing body, which is aware that the sport is regarded as foreign and irrelevant by most narive Australians, who remain obsessed by rugby league or Aussic rules football.

Soccer Australia, the national governing body, recently ordered clubs to remove all references to their European heritage, as part of a marketing plan for the sport. It told the 14 national league clubs to drop all symbols of European nationalism from logos, playing strips, flags and stadium names.

This has not gone down well with some of the clubs. Officials from Marconi, whose logo features the red, green and white of the Italian flag, have described the SA policy as a kind of "clbnic cleansing" and are refusing to play ball. So are Melbourne Knights (formerly Melbourne Croatia until SA ordered all clubs to drop their European names four years ago), and Sydney United. These three clubs face expulsion from the league next month unless they agree to toe the line - which at present seems unlikely. Hardly a healthy state of affairs, as the country starts planning the 2000 Olympic football tournament in Sydney.



THE WORLD

Romania

Miron Cuzner, the president of the Romanian First Division club Jiul Petrosani, is not a man to tangle with. Yesterday he was banned from football for two years and fined about £3.000 for head-butting a Dinamo Bucharest player, Danut Lupu, during a skirmish outside the dressing rooms after a match last Sunday. Lupu, inciden-

tally, is almost a foot taller than Cozma. Cozma is also awaiting trial for assault and criminal damage in a har in his home town, Petrosan, A well-known miners' union leader, he is famous for his part in organising riots in Bucharest in 1990 and 1991 that helped to bring down the Romanian government.

Azerbaijan

None of this weekend's World Cup qualifiers will be more eagerly awaited than the one in Baku, where Azerbaijan entertain Norway. The former Soviet re-public made their competitive debut in the qualifiers for Euro 96 but for security reasons were obliged to play their home games in Turkey.

Now Fifa is allowing them to play - in

Baku's Tofik Bakhramov stadium, named in honour of a former head of the country's football federation. English football fans should remember Bakhramov, who died three years ago, He was the famous 'Russian" linesman who saw nothing wrong with Geoff Hurst's second goal in the 1966 World Cup Final.

During Sunday's Brazilian League match between São Paulo and Santos, two players, São Paulo's Andre and Narciso of Santos, were substituted at halftime - not because of tactics or injuries but because they had to catch a plane to Russia, where the Brazilian national team are playing a friendly today. Imagine Alex Ferguson's reaction if that happened at Old Trafford ...

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thing is happening every month.
The two biggest growth areas in the US construction industry these days are sports stadiums and prisons. Let sociologists determine whether this signifies the terminal decadence of America; the fact is that all four US major league sports - baseball, football, basketball and ice hockey - are affected, and none so much as the national pastime. Of the 28 major league clubs, no less than 18 have within the past five years either moved to

firm plans to do so or threatened to do so. Scoff not at this last category. The owners of American sports franchises invariably get their way, for a simple reason. Theirs is the father and

The four sports operate self-regulating oligopolies. The number of teams has been allowed to grow more slowly than the money a richer society is ready to spend on entertainment. Too much money, in other words, chasing too few goods. From cities desperate to gain or hang on to major league teams, the owners can demand sweetheart deals to make a mafioso blush. For fans, however, the blessing is mixed. State-of-the-art amenities are wonderful, higher ticket prices less so. Worst of all is the knowledge that if someone else pays more, your beloved

a spanking new stadium, announced Braves' present home of Fulton

SPORT IN ANOTHER

In the US, team owners are holding cities to ransom, says

County Stadium is less than 30 years old, and good for at least another 30. Next year it will be pulled down as the Braves move to the new Olympic Stadium across the street. Now voters in Seattle, Detroit and Milwaukee, among others cities, have approved new local taxes to help finance similar arenas for themselves.

ballpark and so, saddest of all for baseball nostalgics, does Boston. Fenway Park, synonymous with those

Yankees, the most famous and history-laden franchise in the land,

team to New Jersey. hattan Project of Mr Steinbrenner reveals the clout of sports owners. Infrom the 1960s and 1970s, now used disputably, in some cases, a new sta-

for football as well, with baseball-only stadia. San Francisco plans a new -can revitalise a moribund city. The prime example is Cleveland, which actually built two, one for the baseball Indians, the other for the basketball Cavaliers, and in the process endowed itself with a new self-belief. Detroit, arguably the direst specimen of inner-city decay in the Northern Hemisphere, hopes for a an even greater miracle from rehousing the baseball Tigers and the football Lions in adjacent stadia on the very

edge of its ravaged downtown. But the Steinbrenner gambit, driven by vanity, has no such logic. Nor did the move of the Cleveland Browns football team to Baltimore, driven purely by greed. Baltimore of-fered a new stadium bursting with skyboxes and corporate suites. Art Modell, owner of the Browns, and whose lease at Cleveland's decrepit Municipal Stadium was about to run out, had no hesitation. Poetic justice for Baltimoreans, who have never forgotten bow their beloved Colts foot-ball team decamped to Indianapolis back in 1984. But who's going to bribe

No 11 DRIBBLE

SPORTING VERNACULAR

"Dribble" aptly illustrates the char-vernacular - from billiards to polo acteristic oddness of sporting ver-nacular. Babies and others with use of the word seems to have oriminimal control over their faculties gins in archery. "Believe it not that dribble, usually with their mouths, the dribbling dart of love can pierce and usually they grow out of it. Footballers dribble, too, but usually with their feet - and they spend

many bours learning the habit.

In 1880, the Times opined: "There is no more legitimate and scientific form of football than ... dribbling with the feet." Twenty years carlier, the Football Annual had noted that the spread of dribbling skills was changing the character of the game: The supporters of football appear now to have arranged themselves in two great and distinct factions; the 'dribblers' and the admirers of the running and hacking style." This split persists to some extent, but the subtext of the Football Annual's observation holds good: quality dribbling is a more exciting style of play than

"running and backing".

It isn't just football that has scope for use of this skill. In fact, all ball games can benefit from a bit of drib-bling. It has been a part of gaming

- for a very long time. The sporting a complete bosom." wrote a popular Elizabethan commentator in his play Measure for Measure.

The link between dribbling of a liquid and dribbling of a ball becomes clear when one watches a player who can weave a ball along a complicated series of twists and turns - who can do a "mazy dribble", as it is sometimes called. When the player's skill is such that the movement of the hall is smoothly liquid, they have achieved the dictionary definition of dribbling "to let anything flow or fall

in drops or a trickling stream". Effortlessness, real or merely apparent, is the most essential part of the dribbler's art. Whether baby or footballer, the dribbler cannot appear to expend too much effort on their task, or else dribbling becomes spitting or even spraying. Pity the footballer (and the baby) who cao't dribble but only sprays.

Ben Summers

Not so much a feast as an appetiser

BEING THERE

The Barbarians once were a main course on the Welsh rugby menu. Now they are just a starter, writes Geoffrey **Nicholson**

Since BBC Wales was showing the Barbarians live last Saturday, it sold the game hard all week. A Hannibal Lecter look-alike stared out from behind bars, teeth clacking excitedly, to promise "a feast of running rugby". Then up came the title, The Silence of the Baa-Baas.

More striking, meanwhile, was the com-parative silence of the Welsh Rugby Union. The Barbarians were playing at the Arms. Park by their invitation, and to dignify the occasion they were awarding international caps, which now seem to come up with the rations. (How can you have an international when there's only one nation playing? Oh well, never mind.) Talking on the phone a few days before, Geoff Windsor-Lewis, the Barbarians' secretary, said he'd heard that Wales were also paying win bonuses, "which is a bit regrettable". Winning at a price is not what Barbarian rugby is supposed to be about. Especially at an extra £2,000 a head.

But beyond these gestures, the WRU hadn't done a lot to promote the match and seemed to be keeping their eyes fixed on a future beyond it. They also had France, Italy. Christmas, a World Cup to put on in 1999 and a dispute to settle with their own clubs over the proposed Anglo-Welsb competition. The Barbarians were just the first of the stepping stones across a crocodile-

It didn't belp matters that last week's Welsh squad sessions were beld in camera, so wiping out photo and interview opportunities. Or that by chance on Friday, while the Barbarians trained, the WRU produced a counter-attraction, the launch of their "Run with the Dragon" scheme to fos-half, with his flowing hair and eccentric runter junior rugby. And pricing match tickets ning and passing, was always worth watch-at £15 and £20 was an offer that, after ing so was Nigel Walker, the thinking man's

too easily refuse.

As depicted by the Greeo Valley school As depicted by the Greeo Valley school ments. Nigel Davies's second try was clear-of writing, the day of the Big Match in Cardiff by stamped "Made in Llanelli": a shallow means a buman tide of caps and mufflers flowing towards the Arms Park; hymns and the feats of beroes on every lip; the rude, convivial jostling around the gates in Westgate Street, backchat by courtesy of Emlyn Williams. That sort of fervour the showery Saturday morning, as people queued by the half-dozen at the tem-

porary ticket office, there wasn't even a reminiscent sniff of it. After the match began, the official crowd figure was given as 19,000, compared with the 32,000 at Murrayfield the week before when the Barbarians played attack in one direction while the defence

Scotland. A far more emotional occasion, moved in the other. And Rob Howley, of course, to aid the Dunhlane appeal. All largely upstaged by Pichot, finally stole the the same, there were upaccustomed bare show as he sped dangerously up the toucbexpanses around the stadium, and even in like a high-wire artist on a unicycle. the press box many rugby correspondents His try rounded off a 31-10 victory for from the nationals bad, in AJ Leibling a eloqueot phrase, "come disguised as empty

to be no more than moderate. Agustin Pi- when they had an overlap, they would turn chot, the Barbarians' Argentinian scrum- back to their forwards. And though they did

Imagine David Dein, Peter Hill-

Wood (or whoever runs Arsenal



Wales's forgettable summer tour of Aus-tralia, their sceptical supporters could only too easily refuse. wing-threequarter; and the uncompro-mising Arran Pene, the very model of an All Blacks No S. Wales, too, had their mo-

The announcer asked spectators 'not to run hasn't been seen since the 1970s. But on on the field afterwards' Had it really occurred

to anyone to do so?

Yet the Welsh still played like strangers, oot really making space for one another or The game, like the attendance, turned out seeming to trust those outside them. Even

and play running rugby, it was only at times that they played a flowing game.

Meanwhile, in the face of hard Welsb tackling and foraging, the Barbarians weren't strong enough to impose their own

The Welsh camp were relieved at the result. "It was pleasing," said their coach, Kevin Bowring, "to play at bome again, to win and to score five tries. But the players will also be disappointed, knowing that they should have scored three times as many

But the spectators didn't know quite what to make of it. Wales had won, but what was that worth against a scratch side of such var-ied quality? In the closing minutes, the aunouncer asked spectators "not to run on the field afterwards". Had it really occurred to anyone to do so? It seemed unlikely.

Since they had scored only two tries, it was easier to blame the losers for this sense of anti-climax. But few rushed to judgement since Cardiff has had a soft spot for the Barbarians for almost a century. Their four-match Easter tour of South Wales, begun in 1901 and becoming an annual fixture from 1925, was immensely popular during the post-war boom in spectator sport. And when in 1948 they were persuaded to put up a team for a farewell game against the Australian tourists, they played it at the Arms Park to

guarantee a maximum gate. It was oot un-

their best to keep the ball in their bands and play running rugby, it was only at times til the eighth such match, against the 1967 All Blacks, that Twickenham got a look in. The Barbarians' insistence on playing

with style and opportunism, not just play-ing to win, provided the gala eoding to the Welsb season. They set up camp at the Esplanade hotel in Penarth, where they played on Good Friday. On Saturday, it was Cardiff before crowds of up to 35,000 near-records for club rugby. Sunday, golf on the Penarth course. Then on Monday and Tuesday more games at Swansea and Newport. After which, there being no league or cup competition to detain them.

the players turned to oiling their cricket bats. The club prided itself on having no money and no home. And it was also their custom not to announce the team captain in advance; it was as if the players picked him on the way out through the tunnel. That sounds democratic eoough; in reality, the Barbarians could be highly autocratic. While willing to promote from the ranks, they expected officer-like behaviour in return. Horseplay and getting sloshed were one thing; uncouth conduct and insubordination were another. Unconscious breaches of etiquette in the bar cost many gifted players their Baa-Baas blazer badge and tie. Pity, hut there were pleoty more

vearning to take their place. In the last decade, with club and interoational competition becoming more intense, the Easter tour has been reduced to a series of flying visits, and the Barbarians have found it harder to attract suitable players and fixtures.

It seems to follow that professionalism will close the last loophole for this Victorian gentlemen's club. Not so, Windsor-Lewis argues. It will make the Barbarian approach even more attractive as relief from

'If the WRU thought this was a good enough game to deserve caps, that's up to them'

the grinding rigours of pro rugby. "Over the last 18 months, the game has been turned pretty much opside down and is in a real

mess, which has still to be sorted out. "But we're baving a tremendous response from the Southern as well as the Northern Hemisphere. And those players want us to stay as we are, an amateur club." Windsor Lewis says. "They're more than happy with that. After all, the big clubs are building squads of 35-40 players, and the scope is there for us to support top play-

Photograph: Christopher Jones ers who aren't getting first-team rughy. We don't pay our players, but we do look af-

ter them. We make it clear to them - you can have the house wine if you're happy with it. But if you want something better, that's OK with us. We have a lot of goodwill, and I believe that in a few years' time we could

emerge stronger than ever." After Saturday's game Pene, Barbarians captain on the day, was asked whether Wales had improved since he last played them as an All Black, and whether they had been right to award caps for the match. An instinctive Barbarian, he said they had played pretty aggressively, their rucking was good and their back row had been everywhere, "And if the WRU thought this was a good enough game to deserve caps, that's up to them. Jesus, I'd

make a good politician."

Mickey Steelc-Bodger, the president. was only a little less diplomatic. But without blaming anyone directly, he made it clear that the game hadn't compared with the ooe at Murrayfield. "It was flat by last week's standards. That was a superb game. This one didn't take off. You can never say exactly why this happens. It might be differences in the opposition, the atmosphere. eveo the refereeing. Anyway, it takes two

sides to play the game." Uospoken was the thought that the two sides might have been playing to quite

Pay up or they'll take their ball and go home

these days) dropping unsubtle hints that unless a good deal of local taxpayers' money was forthcoming to build a new Highbury, the club mother of a sellers' market. would move lock, stock and barrel to some other more obliging borough or city. Or West Ham demanding taxpayers' help for a move from its humble surrounds to somewhere a bit more central - say an underused corner of Kensington or Westminster with development potential. Impossible, you will say, and you would be right. But in America, this sort of

> team may simply vanish.
> In the case of baseball, the makeover began with new "old-look" baseball stadia that opened for business in Baltimore, Cleveland and Dallas-Fort Worth between 1992 and 1994 - all of them huge critical successes. No matter that the Atlanta

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Owners in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Houston want

to replace ugly multi-purpose arenas

eternal bridesmaids of baseball the Bostoo Red Sox and arguably the most picturesque stadium of all, lacks space for lucrative corporate boxes. So, before the millennium, down it will come, too. Nowhere, though, do the antics match those of George Steinbrenner, owner and impresario of the New York Yankees. No matter that the

virtually are the Bronx. Mr Steinbrenner finds the area distinctly unsalubrious. Never mind the traffic problems; he wants to move the team to a new stadium in lower Manhattan. If the Big Apple does not come through with the financing, mutters Mr Stembrenner, be will move the

Nothing so much as the \$1bn Man-

Stewart's backward glance to the future

Michael Austin asks what is being done at age-group level to nurture and encourage England's young

cricketing talent

The antidote to the virulent decline of England at Test level lies in the tender hands of the Under-19s to Under-13s heing identified and nurtured by the National Cricket Association's Development of Excellence scheme. Micky Stewart, their director of coaching and former England team manager, is sure

Why do overseas players develop earlier? Stewart's answer is simple: "Compare the grass roots structure of England with the southern hemisphere," he said. "We are introduced to the traditional English game as part of 'social-life weekends' for thousands of people. In the southern hemisphere, there are not the facilities so players need some ability even to get a

"Over here, I can find anyone, even without an nunce of talent, a game of cricket every day of the week from 1 May to 15 September. Players are brought into a non-competitive situation and, as a result, an 18-year-old English player is equivalent to a 14-year-old Australian in experience. We need to quicken their progress to narrow the gap."

While England, with six for-mer Under-19s players, were tumbling to a 2-0 series defeat by Pakistan at The Oval, the Under-19s themselves were held to a draw at Hove by New Zealand, who won the series, 1-0. Since 1974, a total of 50 former England Under-19s have advanced to either full Test or international level, and Stewart, together with Graham Saville, the age-group manager for the past 53 Tests, wants to increase the output.

With this in mind, Stewart has created an Under-13 squad. "We are in the third year of having a 24-strong group who do not play matches but join together for two sessions, each of four days. They get to know us and we teach them good cricket habits. Some of the initial der-15 World Challenge, so it is

Whenever Stewart starts a session at Lilleshall, no matter the age range, he asks: "Who wants to play first-class county cricket?" There is invariably a 99 per cent positive response. Stewart chooses the teams, with assistance from Saville, Gordon Lord, the former Warwickshire



Cool head: Osman Afzaal, from Nottingham, keeps cool at the County Ground, Hove, during England v New Zealand Under-19s

and Worcestershire batsman, who looks after the Under-15s, and John Abrahams, the former Lancashire captain, now manager-coach of the Under-17s.

To foster continuity, selection is based on five or six players in the Under-19 squad and four or five of the team being available for the following year as well. To the managerial panel's delight, more players have recently broken into or become established in county teams at

The vexed question of county or country still prompted a sharp response from Stewart. "Either we are going to do this squad played in the recent Un- properly at Under-19 level or not at all. The New Zealand series gave our team an introduction into the way southern hemisphere countries play, which is quite different from

ours. Saville asserted; "If our team miss two or three county games to play for us, hopefully in a 15year career it will have been worth it. If, in four or five

years, they play for England against New Zealand, they will know some of the opposition and it won't he a shock what to

Stewart continued: "They have the responsibility of representing their country at this age and have to produce results. They are not batting or bowling behind established former Test players for their counties, and that's another beneficial experience. They have to learn to

immediately they have done that they have 'signed to win'. Not just to have a game, but to win matches, which comes as a surprise to some of them."

As a member of the Actield working party, Stewart was eager to re-establish the England Committee. "I wanted a small number of people to be re-sponsible for all England cricket, which includes this level, and not to have decisions made by those who were not too close to it. I am pleased that it has been done, together with an in-

put from there to age-group The Test at Hove was Eng-

land's 75th at Under-19 level ainst eight different countries. They have won 14, drawn 41 and lost 20, a record which has improved significantly, with eight of those wins in the past 29 games and only five lost. In oneday internationals, they have 24 victories in 52 matches.

Next winter they will tour Pakistan, and visits to South Africa the following year for the

World Cup, New Zealand in to represent England in Test matches or one-day internationals. They are:

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products, and others have ex-1998-99 and Australia in 1999celled in the past month or so, 2000 are already written into the

adding to the catalogue.

Mathew Dowman, the Un-

der-19s record-scorer with 267

against West Indies at Hove

three years ago, made a maid-en Championship hundred for Nottinghamshire last week, Ben Smith has excelled for Leices-

tershire, along with Philip We-

ston for Gloucestershire and

Matthew Walker with a double

New Zealand series was the un-

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bowlers. Alex Tudor, Paul

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For some of this side, it will

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Sales, the 18-year-old North-

amptonshire batsman, with a

double Championship hundred

ready served notice of his intent.

Saville's regret about the

hundred for Kent.

ries in England organised up to and including the visits of India in 2002. There is no shortfall in planning, especially with the new financial assistance of NatWest, and no lack of pride in players produced during the quarter of a century since a "Young West Indies" touring side came to the United Kingdom. The first full series of international matches in the age group began in 1974, and so the evolution has gone

fixtures strata, with annual se-

matches, with stumps pitched somewhere near the middle of the square, not the edge, together with the introduction of first-class umpires, special kit and winter-training pro-grammes, have all been part of

the grand design.

John Crawley and Nick Knight, two of England's three century-makers in the recent Pakistan series, are Under-19

Glamorgan stump up to sign Waqar

Glamorgan have clean bowled some of the more fashionable counties by signing the Pakistani paceman Waqar Younis yester-day on a reported £200,000 two-year contract.

Waqar, who helped Pakistan clinch a 2-0 win in the Test series against England which finished on Monday, said: "They seem a very ambitious cluh with some very good players and with a clear idea of how I would fit into their plans, I am sure all they need is a catalyst to bring some success, and hopefully will he nhle to play my part in helping them achieve that.

I know just how much Viv Richards did for Glamorgan and if I can achieve the same in my two years in Wales, I will be delighted."
The Glamorgan captain

Matthew Maynard, who will face Waqar in the three-match Texaco one-day series against Pakistan that starts tomorrow, was delighted: "This is possibly the best signing Glamorgan has made. Waqar is a genuincly world-class cricketer at the

peak of his game. The Glamorgan secretary, Mike Firth, said: "The figures reported do not tell the whnle story but although you have to pay a premium to attract a player of this calibre, we have not gone in with our eyes closed. There has been a lot of support, without which a coup of this sort would simply not have been possible. We see it very much as an investment a statement of the ambition we have as a cluh."

Graham Gooch is to continue to play county cricket for at least another year, Essex said

yesterday. Gooch, 43, has scored six centuries this summer, taking his first-class career total to 126, while taking his beloved Esser to the top of the Championship table and into the NatWest Trophy final against Lancashire a week on Saturday. In the process he became Essex's leadng run-maker, his 92 against Middlesex earlier this month taking him heyond Keith Fletcher's aggregate of 29,434.

Since making his first-class debut in 1973, Gooch has amassed 10 of the game's most prolific scorers. Before announcing his meaningful as ever, with Ben retirement from Test cricket two times for England, scoring 20 centuries and 8,900 runs - still the top aggregate by an England player. Now a selector, he will be with the England A side in Australia this winter.

against Worcestershire, has al-In recent weeks there has been rumours linking him with a coaching joh at Nottinghamshire and Lancashire. He has made no secret of his desire to remain in the game in that capacity, and Essex would certainly not stand in his way should one come along.

"As far as we are concerned, Graham would have our hlessing if he saw fit to move elsewhere to fulfil his amhition." said Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary-general manager. "Af-ter everything he has done and accomplished for Essex, there is no way we would ever prevent him moving on if that was his wish. In the meantime, we are just happy to still be having him

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The England batsman Nasser Hussain could lead Essex in the County Championship match against Yorkshire nt Headingley tomorrow as the captain, Paul Prichard, is doubtful with a back injury.

Jon Culley

Test of stamina will decide the Championship

Too much cricket, Wasim Edgbaston to meet the outgo-Akram said, is the hanc of the ing champions, Warwickshire, English game. To underline his point, the Pakistani captain might have waved the domestic fixture list, which requires four of the five main contenders in the race for the County Championship to hegin the decisive phase of the season by playing on nine consecutive

None face a tougher schedule than Essex, for whom the sequence goes one rather important day further.

The new leaders begin the defence of their perch against Yorkshire at Headingley tomorrow (fitting in a Sunday League match along the way, of

on Tuesday, in a contest that may well not conclude until the following Friday evening -roughly 16 hours before they take the field at Lord's for the NatWest Trophy final. In most sports, such a pro-

gramme would be rightly con-sidered intolerable. In cricket, however, it is normal, the kind of torture the fixture planners contrive every year as they try to squeeze in the remaining games before the nights draw in. Whichever team emerges still standing should be seen as wor-

None the less, it may still be Essex, whose victory over Gloucestershire at Colchester Essex quality, it can be found

on Monday was their fifth in succession, even though it would not have taken them to the summit had the weather not been cruel to Leicestershire, who needed only one Hampshire wicket when time ran out at Grace Road.

Keith Fletcher, their sage former coach now vaguely titled as cricket consultant, does not rate this year's side as out of the ordinary, yet they possess a resilient character, not to mention the continuing inspiration of Graham Gooch. Having been a member of all six of his county's Championship teams (since (979), the experience he passes on must be worth many points. But if mental toughness is an

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also in Derbyshire and Leicestershire, in whom self-belief has been instilled where little winning experience exists.

Derbyshire, who last won the title in 1936 and have lately failed time after time to make the most of talented players, look much more likely to stay the course under the guidance of Dean Jones and Les Stillman, their captain-and-coach partnership from Victoria. ldle during the lalest round

of matches, Derbyshire lost their lead, but with Kent and Surrey frustrated by the weather, as well as Leicestershire, they resume only four points off the pace. A win over Worcestershire at Chesterfield, starting tomorrow, would enable them to go to Somerset on Tuesday

with excitement running high. With Devon Malcolm, Philip DeFreitas and Andrew Harris at his disposal, in addition to Dominic Cork, Jones has the weaponry to sweep aside any challenge on damp autumn days, but he knows the importance of keeping feet on the ground.

The important thing is we

take each game as it comes and stay focused," Jones says. "If we win the games, the Champi-

onship will take care of itself, and latest hrouhaha over Chris I believe we have the ability to beat teams on most tracks." But the credentials of Leices-

tershire, at home m Somerset tomorrow, are no less compelling. They have been captained splendidly by James Whitaker in his first season at the helm and repeatedly inspired by the all-round efforts of Phil Simmons. But they possess an array of match-winners - from the im-proved hatting of Vince Wells and the developing spin-bowl-ing of Matthew Brimson and Adrian Pierson to the explosive qualines of David Millns and Alan Mullally and the mature re-liability of the once hot-headed

Gordon Parsons. Surrey, overshadowed by the

Lewis, may be slipping out of it finally, while Kent have the disadvantage of having played a game more than all their close rivals, so that a win over Nottinghamshire at Tunbridge Wells before they break for 10 days looks crucial.
Nottinghamshire now have

only Durham below them in the Championship table, quite in contrast to the Sunday League, in which only Yorkshire are above them. Two points cover the first five in the table, with Surrey against Warwickshire, each on 38 points in third place and fourth, the weekend's outstanding game.

The answer to the problem is simple – England play too much cricket. And we can't say that we weren't warned

It is hardly news to say that Eng-lish cricket is in disarray. The be able to teach them a thing Cup, a good advertisement for the benefits of a settled side latest defeat has not even provoked the kind of self-lacerating breast-beating that usually accompanies such reversals. This is partly because we have grown used to being walloped, even by teams we used to think were our juniors. It is a good job, perhaps, that cricket was not included in the Ohmpies; we might have struggled on those humid, seaming tracks of Atlanta against nagging Chinese medium pace, or toxy Bolivian

This summer's visitors, India and Pakistan, were for a lnng time regarded as easy meat by our national side, a chance to swell the batting average and pick up some easy wickets, There remains a lingering colonial sense that we "ought" to one that beat us in the World

those days are long gone. We have besten Pakistan only once in the last 19 attempts, and India only four times. Increasingly, they look on England much as we look on Zimbabwe, as a confidence-boosting opportunity to find form for the harder struggles to come.

As always, the talk is mainly concerned with the search for the right "fnrmula", as if the selection of cricket teams were like cooking, merely a matter of mixing the right ingredients. The idea that the mixture needs time to hind and ripen seems too radical for our selectors; they want simply to add water and boil. Yet the Pakistan team that just beat us was more or less the same as the thing that everyone knows,

hravely adhered to in the teeth of the hurricane of ahuse that greeted the traumatic loss to India in the quarter-final.

There were just three changes. England, in contrast. fielded only four of the same players, one of whom. Stewart, only regained his place because of injuries. The latest formulaseeking initiative breaks new ground, no place for the socalled one-day specialist who scored a hundred last time he played (Alistair Brown) and no place for Hussain and Crawlev, centurions in the Test matches. The less said about all this, the better.

It was left to Wasim Akram to spell out once again the which is that English cricket is



ROBERT WINDER

suffering from serious internal bleeding. The answer to your problem is simple." he said. England play too much crick-et. Who could disagree? Just after Christmas, I sat

with Allan Donald watching

Cork dash in against South

Africa at Newlands. Donald

good head of steam, and explaining how, when he re-turned to South Africa at the end of his triumphant season for Warwickshire, he practically had a nervous breakdown, and visited a psychiatrist in an attempt to rekindle his crashed enthusiasm for the game.

In passing, he prophesied the fate of England's only aggres-sive bowler. "Look at Cork," he said. "That guy's bowling a lot of overs. You have to wonder

how long he can last. At some point it's going to hit him." So we can't say we weren't warned. "We have been told," Wasim said, "that Dominic Cork, at 24, is burnt out. But he is going back to Derbyshire

burns out its brightest stars as swiftly as they appear. It is hard-ly a surprise that Shaun Pollock, Warwickshire's impressive fastbowling replacement for Don-ald, is heading home to have surgery on his ankle.

Plus ca change. The much-vaunted Actield report has urged nothing more substantial than the setting up of some new committees to handle the England team. Ray Illingworth, in a parting shot presumably designed to indicate, as if it needed indicating, that he is not a soft touch, has emphasised that if Cork did miss one of the winter tours, it would be to put in some hard bloody work. "He won't be kept at home to sit on his backside," he said. Of a lazy, no-good slacker is one

The English disease, as Wasim pointed out, is too much quantity, and not enough quality. It particularly hlights the prospect of ever producing fit fast bowlers. We have a batting line-up that might well flourish if it was not always chasing 500, or going out in the second innings a couple of hundred runs adrift.

But will anything change? Pull the other one. Our premier domestic competition will as always, be won by the team that best negotiates the thundery showers of late August, Meanwhile, Glamorgan are somehow finding £200,000 to lure Wagar Youngs to Wales, where around

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Somerset 0891 525 382 Somerset 0891 525 382 Somery 0891 525 383 Subsex 0891 525 384 Warwicks 0891 525 385 Worcs 0891 525 386 Yorkshire 0891 525 387 to play more cricket. Surely he should be rested." Yes, surely.

all the batty notions that have swept English cricket this watch him in an entire season. We have a game, it seems, that summer, the idea that Cork is The sideshow must go on. Spirit day, Spirit ober fast 1134 Dit Leade D145

Professional era will show profit on pitch

This is the season that everyone - players, coaches and administrators — wanted. It has long been argued that English club rugby has been holding back the development of the national side, allowing the Southern Hemisphere countries to leave everyone else earthbound, like so many spectators at the Cape Kennedy of rugby union. watching while they launch

themselves to other galaxies. Yet in 1987 the inception of the Courage League was hailed as the way forward, the base from which a stronger, more competitive national side could be constructed. Nine short years later, we are hack where we started, only this time there are a number of telling differences.

First time round the Leagues were a one-off affair, so that each match was more like a Cup tie. Lose a couple and your scason was over. The introduction of home and away helped greatly, for a time, until it was realised that the number of games was acting against the best interests of club and country. Players were drained before the season's end, and interest wanted as the few left the many in their wake.

Last August came the first rumbling cruption, which left hlazered traditionalists quaking in committee rooms around the country. The International Rughy Football Board acceded to the inevitable and allowed the game to go open. That was endorsed at the IB's full meeting in Tokyo a month later, hy which time clubs were discussing ways to move into the professional era; the governing bodies were not so nimble of mind. Some of them still have not caught on to what is hap-

pening in the game.

Now the clubs have a chance to show them. The intensity of competition off the field collecting backers and sponsors, players and grounds - will be exceeded only by that on it. The most obvious difference hetween the old amateur and new professional eras will he the presence of rugby league playcodes will soon become scram- the Liewellyn brothers and the the need to look any further than bled in these play-for-pay days, but right now the Northern hordes can only add to union. One thing remains the same.

David Llewellyn looks forward to the Courage League season, which starts on Saturday

There is going to be a huge demand on players in terms of the number of matches this season, especially for international players and those in successful clubs who reach the later stages of the Pilkington Cup and the European competition.

Clubs need as many matches as can be fitted in to a lengthened season in order to generate cash through gate money, advertising and marketing: they will also want their money's worth from their employees - the players. But

The intake of outsiders should benefit the English game at the top level

money's worth does not mean players turning out, rain or shine, night after night to play the muddied fool. They need n break, to be kept fresh and essentially injury free and to that end larger squads are needed.

Spread the load has to be the message, and if it achieves nothing else perhaps the new era will teach the conservative element. who dislike changing a winning team, that the squad mentality has to be adopted.

The intake of electrifying talent such as Martin Offiah. Henry Paul, Jason Robinson and Va'aiga Tuigamala will bring in the crowds, initially at least, but it will also add a dimension to the game. As will the presence of so many overseas players such as Michael Lynagh, learn from these incomers. If the England coach, Jack everything since 1984.

Rowell, goes through with his ideal, then some of those league players may find their way into the national side at the expense of worthy individuals, rising

stars who have worked hard to

reach the fringes of international rugby union. England may have a "lost generation" of such players, but overall the top level should benefit and see England, in a short time, beginning to compete with the likes of New Zealand, whose awesome display in the Test series against South Africa has simply served to underline how far behind the

Northern Hemisphere is lagging. As to the money in the club game, there are the haves mostly down South, with the honourable exception of Newcastle - and the have nots, chiefly in the North. But money cannot buy success, soccer has proved that. Just as individual players will lose out in the fight for team places, so some back-ers of clubs will see their projects suffer setbacks. But not one of the money men is a phil-anthropist. This is not patronage. They see rugby as a part of the changing sociological face of the country as we move de-

world. Backing the clubs is merely sowing an acorn. There will be financial oaks to fell later if things go the way these visionaries expect them to. As a sign of things to come the moves by Wasps to Queen's Park Rangers' Loftus Road ground and Saracens to the more modest surroundings of Enfield Town indicate an in-

tention and indeed a trend to

all-purpose sporting collectives;

Bristol have worked it the oth-

per into a leisure-orientated

er way and are to generate cash by renting their Memorial Ground to Bristol Rovers. As to who will win what is, potentially, one of the most exciting Courage Clubs' Championships — that has to be the game of rughy. It is likely that the same old names will he there at the finish; success, after all, breeds success. New names will join the giants but New Zealander John Mitchell. Bath, Leicester, Wasps and Young players will be able to Harlequins, the gang of four, who have between them won

Rugby union's new Foreign Legion



Philipe Sella, the former French international centre, complements Saracens' back line



Frano Botica, Castleford's New Zealand outside-half, steps out for Orrell



New Zealand-born Va'aiga



Hard slog on the Tyne should pay off

When would you think our pre-season training started? Before this era of professionalism began. you may have said August, leaving a good month to prepare the body and mind, and invent a few new backs moves which are sure to bring you a hat full of tries. Well, things are different now.

Rugby has become a profession for many players, especially at Newcastle. But not many would have guessed our pre-season started in February, with three months of the 95-96 season to go. Under the watchful guidance of our strength and fitness guru, Steve Black, a few pear

shapes have been inverted and a few stomachs have rediscovered that washboard look. Sessions take place in gyms across the town, the rugby club, a crick-et ground, Tynemouth beach, an athletic track and a one-off to the local wet and wild slide park. Until the end of April, some

consideration was taken for the fact that we had games to play. From then on, though, a typical week has consisted of a strength and/or fitness session every weekday complemented with three skills sessions and two team runs. So, just like the rest of you,

we, too, get that Friday feeling! The off season was also ushered in by a squad gathering at Wynyard Hall, home of our illustrious owner, Sir John Hall. Some perhaps thought this was to show them the kind of pad they would be living in after 10 years' shrewd playing of the transfer market. Others noted the number of gardeners Sir John may be looking for if it all goes wrong.

The gathering was, in fact, a chance to get together and ward into this new era. Everything is focused on the kind of rugby we want to play, and, to achieve it, the kind of training we have to do, the skills we have to develop and the culture and attitudes we must nurture.

The goal posts were set then and training resumed in carnest to continue relentlessly until our first real test, a tour to the Bahamas. At least that is what I and many others thought when I set out on a few weeks' holiday. On my return, things nad changed to the somewhat less enchanting destination of Photographs: Allsport but even more a test of our abil- the end of this season.



ity to get on with each other. Entertainment is not very sophisticated in the lowns we were visiting and neither was the accommodation, food or mode of transportation. Things went swimmingly, apart from one setto between our physic and one of our players from the student brethren. A sizeable splatter of cake ejected by the latter on to the former's cheek sparked things off. It was about all the entertainment served up. considering the meal was in a prison café, with the food prepared and delivered by the convicts themselves. Believe me, throwing the food was one of the viable options as many hungry players

scurried back for room service. On the pitch, we lost and drew two games we should have won and lost one we should have got stuffed in. Our best rugby, thankfully, came in the second half of our last game, in which we came back from 24-3 down to draw 24 all. The previous game we had been given a lesson by a side playing the kind of rugby we wanted to play, and we looked like we had managed to pay some at-

tention come that last game. We returned to Typeside confident that things were headed in the right direction and with our tails up, knowing how much we still could improve. Things do not happen overnight, though, and cultures need time to develop, as was shown by our disappointing draw against Mclrose. Their team included eight Scotland players in a side that has been

together for a few years. We are a side who must counter everyone's immediate doubt. A team of individuals. they say. Pulled together at want to spill blood for each oththe high veldt in South Africa, er? You can understand the No doubt a bigger test of our doubters. We can understand progress than the Bahamas, and accept their apologies come

Courage Clubs' Championship National League One



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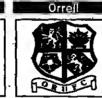
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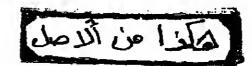


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World Cup at point of overload

The 1998 World Cup will be the biggest yet. So too the qualification headaches, says Glenn Moore

l will not start for the English, Scottish and Irish until the weekend, but, for some countries, the 1998 World Cup is already over. Antigua, who have never qualified for a World Cup despite playing Viv Richards in one campaign, were the first to go, hit for six goals by Dominica back in March. The Caribbean island has since been joined in the land of broken dreams by more than two dozen of the original 173 entrants. They in-clude 1982 finalists Algeria (which will be a relief to Germany).

Algeria's defeat by unfancied Kenya is the shock of the tournament so far, but bigger ones will come as the qualifying tournament unfolds over the next 15 months. Argentina, for example, are already struggling in the South American qualifiers.

The main surprises will, however, be in Europe, where places are once more at a premium. Although Fifa. the world's governing body, has again succumbed to elephantitis, expanding the World Cup to 32 countries, there are only 15 available to Europe including the hosts, France.

That roay seem plenty, as recently as Argentina in 1978 there were only 16 finalists in total. Yet Europe had 11 finalists even then and, though Atrican foothall in particular has improved enormously (note Nigeria's Olympic win), Europe maintains an unrivalled strength in depth. Brazil may have won the last World Cup, but the other seven quarter-finalists were from Europe (and only three of those also made the last eight of Euro 96). Several leading European coun-

tries are thus in danger of missing the party in 1998, among them England. They have been drawn in arguably the strongest of Europe's nine groups. Italy, despite failing in Euro 96 and the Ohmpics, have a lot of quality at their disposal, and trips behind the

former Iron Curtain will not be easy. It is on those journeys, beginning with the weekend visit to Moldova. that England's progress will be decided. Only the group winners qualify automatically along with the best



Roberto Baggio of Italy hangs his head after his miss in the penalty shoot-out that gave Brazil victory in the 1994 World Cup final

through. If England fail to top Italy, they will need to do very well against Poland, Moldova and Georgia if they are to gain that best runners-up spot. Scotland - the only Euro 96 finalist of the nine runners-up. The other in their group - and the Republic of

winning their groups. For Northern Ireland and Wales, the aim may be more prosaic.

It would take an exceptional performance for Northern Ireland to head either Germany or Portugal, offs with the four winners going nia, can harbour genuine hopes of their campaign, seem ill-equipped to World Cup, pre-qualifying will be in- which companies (ie, Liverpool) lend has been keen to enforce national enough.

beat the Netherlands or Belgium. If they do not qualify, it is important that they do well. Such has been the explosion in European nations (50 entrants this time, against 36 in 1994) there is a very real chance that, come

their assets (Jamie Redknapp) to antroduced to reduce fixture overload. Such a move would be welcomed other (England) and get them back possibly forced - by the big European clubs. Roy Evans merely articu-

broken without compensation. The club-country argument is an old lated the thought of many managers one, but, in the wake of the big clubs' when he said, at the weekend, that footgrowing commercial involvement and the balance is changing. Fifa

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'Uefa's capitulation over Champions' League places shows the way the financial wind is blowing'

powers by such rocasures as the fiveday rule (which forces clubs to release players), but Ucfa's capitulation over Champions' League places shows the way the financial wind is blowing. At present, it is a problem exclusive to Western Europe - in other areas the national side takes pre-eminence. South American countries still put their players into national camps for months on end while Algeria reacted to their World Cup exit by suspending their do-

mestic league.

A similar response by the Pre-micrship is inconceivable, indeed, there will be those in the Premiership who would be pleased if England lost in Moldova. As a Scotsman, Alex Ferguson would find it hard to suppress a snigger anyway, but the thought that half his team would be resting in the summer of 1998 is a tempting one. There were few tears at Old Trafford over the absence from Euro 96 of Eric Cantona, Ryan Giggs and Roy Keane. International coaches relort that

club players benefit from being involved in international football -Glenn Hoddle said as much about David Beckham this week. A similar argument is usually put forward about European club football - that experience of it improves players' international performances.

And yet, would Steve McManaman. Alan Shearer, Gary Neville, Stuart Pearce and Paul Gascoigne have been as impressive in Euro 96 if their clubs had been involved in draining European competitions until the end of May? English clubs were regular trophy-winners in Europe in the 1970s yet failed to qualify for two World Cups. In 1986 and 1990, when they were banned from Europe, they reached a quarter-final and a semi-final.

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It is the usual problem of too many matches and it is one reason why, despite the ease of air travel, the logical extension of World Cup qualifying to be truly global is unlikely to happen. While a qualifying group of England, South Africa, Thailand Tahiti and Chile is an attractive one, the logistical problems appear insurmountable. As far as the people who pay the wages - the clubs concerned, Moldova is far

EUROPEAN QUALIFYING GROUPS

The nine group winners and the best runner-up qualify. The eight other runners-up will be drawn in pairs, the four winners also qualifying for the finals. France

Group One:

Denmark, Greece, Croatia. Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina

The Balkan conflict is transferred to the football field in this qualifying group. Not much travelling lies in store for any team except group seeds Denmark, who should soon become familiar with the flight path they take this weekend to Slovenia.

The Danes, now coached by a Swede, Bo Johansson, have missed out on the last two World Cup finals. The only team familiar to them here is Croatia, who in effect ended their European Championship trtle defence with a 3-0 win at Hillsborough in June. The rematch between Peter Schmeichel and Davor Suker should be especially engaging. Presumably, the Manchester United goalkeeper will be harnessed to his goalpost the next

time they meet. The two Euro 96 finalists will expect to fill the top two places. although Greece, qualifiers for USA 94, could be in the reckoning again. They have already made a promising start, beating Siovenia 2-0 in April. And in Denis, Nikolaidis, Tsartas and Gul-Int-lookalike Babsta they have a potent forward quartet.

There is little World Cup expenence in this group. Croatia. Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina are competing under an independent flag for the first time, while Denmark and Greece have both reached the finals just once

Forecast: 1 Croaha, 2 Denmark

Fixtures

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A baptism of fire for Glenn Hoddie. It is unlikely England could have been drawn in a tougher group. Having gone almost three years without journeying abroad for a competitive match they must now travel three times to intimidating Eastern European venues - Tbilisi, Georgia being the scariest of the lot - before ending their jaunt with a trip to

Maximum points at Wembley and three in Moldova on Sunday - would appear to be a must if England are to snatch the one automatic qualifying place from the Italians.

Even though Italy departed Euro 96 in the early stages, they were one of the more attractive exhibits on show. Coach Arrigo Sacchi has successfully dodged all the knives hurled at him by the Italian media and remains in place. He managed a wry smile at the draw ceremony in Paris when the Italians were paired with England. But it doubtless disguised a secret fear.

Italy have not been absent from the finals of a World Cup for 40 years. If Hoddle's England can maintain their Euro 96 momentum, the Azzurri are in serious danger of missing out. Somehow, though, you just can't quite see that happening...

Forecast: 1 Italy, 2 England

Norway, Switzerland, Finland, Hungary, Azerbalian

All five teams must be happy with their lot. Azerbaijan apart, they will all entertain a fighting chance of qualifying from what is a distinctly mediocre group.

Norway and Switzerland both made it to the 1994 finals but are fading forces now. The Norwegians petered out dramatically in the Euro 96 qualifiars, but long-ball guru Egil "Drillo' Olsen, the coach who put Norwegian football on the map, remains fireproof to criticism.

The Swiss have changed their coach once again, bringing Rolf Fringer back from German club VfB Stuttgart to take over from the miscast Artur Jorge. Whether Fringer can direct a flashback to the halcyon Hodgson days remains open to doubt. USA 94 star Alain Sutter, a national martyr after being overlooked for the Euro 96 squad, last week rejected Fringer's plea to return to the

team. Not a good sign. Hungary, last seen sinking in the rain at Wembley in May, are still firmly stranded in their long, dark tunnel. The Under-21. team's qualification for the Olympics was a brief shaft of light, but coach Janos Csank still has an enormous task in front of him. Ditto Richard Møller-Nielsen, the man who took the Danes to European glory in 1992 and now boss of Finland, the paupers of Scandinavian football in recent years.

Forecast: 1 Norway, 2 Switzer-

Sweden, Scotland, Austria, Latvia, Belarus, Estonia

Another fair-to-middling group. Scotland, on a high after some encouraging club performances In Europe, must be confident of making it to the finals as they did on five successive occasions

from 1974-1990. Craig Brown's men face one of their most difficult fectures this Saturday, when Austria, similarly buoyant on the European club front, entertain them in Vienna. The Austrians helped to bring a premature end to Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland reign in the Euro 96 qualifiers, beating the Insh 3-1 at home and in Dublin. Austrian players are now sought all over Europe and Her-

bert Prohaska's team have won

their last three friendlies.

Sweden were humiliated in the European qualifiers, winning just two of their eight matches. But they were good enough to finish third in the 1994 World Cup, and with the same coach (Tommy Svensson) and most of the same players (Martin Dahlin, Stefan Schwarz, Kennet Andersson etc) they must be favoured to win the group. Their 5-1 thrashing of Belarus in June offered plenty of early encouragement, but a 1-0 home defeat by Denmark a fortnight ago was not the result they wanted in preparation for Sunday's hazardous

Forecast: 1 Sweden, 2 Scotland

Russia, Bulgaria, Israel, Cyprus, Luxembourg

The two heavyweights of Group Five, Russia and Bulgaria, do not come face to face for another. year. That should allow their respective new coaches - Boris ignatiev and Hristo Bonev - a sentle and uncomplicated introduction to World Cup combat. For there is little to wony either.

side in this section. Israel, the strongest of the three potential also rans, have staked everything on beating Bulgaria and Russia at homa in their first two matches: If that ploy fails, the two Eastern Europeans should have the group to themselves. Cyprus and Luxembourg have both made forward strides in recent years, but they will do little more than pick up a

few points here and there. Bulgaria were World Cup-semi-finalists in the United States and almost reached the latter stages of Euro 96. But the Stoichkov generation is now beginning to look grey and creaky. guard will not be easy for new coach Boney.

Russia have a wider pool of. quality players to choose from. The team let themselves down at Euro 96, playing well only in fits and starts and failing to winany of their three games. They are seasoned qualifiers, however, and with top calibre players such as Kanchelskis, Tsymbalar and Karpin on board, Russia should make it to France.

Forecast: 1 Russia, 2 Bulgaria

Fixtures

Spain, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Matta, Faeroe

What earns it the "Group of Death" tag is the inclusion of Yugoslavia. Banned from the qualifying stages of both USA 94 and Euro 96, Yugoslavia slid down Uefa's ranking list and were placed in the fourth layer of the draw. On footballing quality alone they should have been ranked at least two grades high-er. With the likes of Savicevic (Milan), Mijatovic (Real Madrid) and Jugovic (Juventus) to call upon, Yugoslavia will be daunting opposition for anyone. They already have six points and nine goals in the bag to prove their

Spain have not lost a competitive match in 90 minutes since March 1993 (a 1-0 defeat away to Denmark). Javier Clemente's team proved their mettle at Euro 96 where only a French referee and an English goalkeeper denied them progress beyond the

The Czechs, of course, reached the Euro 96 final and even came close to winning it. Poborsky, Nedved et al surprised everybody with their skitful end spirited performances. But that was then. Now coach Dusan Uhrin must rally his troops once more. Spain, Yugoslavia and especially Slovakia will be eager to bring the Czechs back down to earth with a bump.

Forecast: 1 Spain, 2 Yugoslavia

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Holland, Belgium, Turkey, Wales, San Marino

Can Bobby Gould's teem boldly go where no Welsh side has gone since 1958? Eight months ago, most Wales supporters groaned with familiar discontent when they saw their team grouped alongside two Euro 96 qualifiers, the Netherlands and Terkey, and World Cup regulars Belgium. But now, with their opponents all undergoing transition, the future looks brighter. It certainly doesn't look too

orange at the moment. Holland are still trying to come to terms with their 4-1 mauling by England at Euro 96. Coach Guus Hiddink is probably lucky still to have his job. But nobody can envy him the task of building a new team out of 11 shattered egos. The International retirement last week of captain Danny Blind was certainly not music. to Hiddink's ears.

. Belgium and Turkey also have problems to solve. The Belgians have been ever-present at the World Cup since 1982, but a massive improvement is required under new coach Wilfined van Moer if they are to make it five.

tournaments out of five. The Turks must pick themselves up again after their Euro 96 whitewash. Theirs is a fragile temperament, and the knowledge that they were out of their depth in England could be a wound that takes time to heal.

Forecast: 1 The Netherlands, 2 Belgium

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If football is an art form, Platini plans a masterpiece

These are times of disillusionment in France, bitterness caused, among other things, by persistently high unemploy-ment levels and a muddled - if not reactionary - immigration policy. But one project they are making a decent fist of across the Channel is the groundwork for the next World Cup finals,

France 98. Initial dithering about the site of a new nadonal stadium in Paris and wrangles concerning the funding of building work at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille have long been settled. As the qualifying phase, which will whitle down the 172 entrant nadons to 30 finalists plus hosts France and hulders Brazil, moves up a gear, the former French international midfield star-turned World Cup organ-ising committee co-president, Michel Platini, is happy to make optimistic noises on his country's preparations for the tournament kick-off on 10 June 1998.

"Since we were awarded the World Cup four years ago and even before then, many people in France have been toiling away in an effort to produce the best tournament ever," Platini says. "I suppose the same claims are made every four years, but we really mean it.

"Increasing the number of World Cup finalists from 24 to 32 did result in a few minor organisational, logistic and finan-cial problems. But now the lion's share of our work has been completed or is on course to be. Football is the most popular sport in France and I'm sure we will put on a great show in 1998."

The French have always nurtured a romantic view of their football - if Pelé had not dubbed it "the beautiful game", yoo can be sure a Gallic observer would have - and this idealised concept of soccer as art of their plans for 1998. Michel Platini is realistic enough to concede that a World Cup at the of landscapes, France 98 is the fag-end of this century is inextricably linked with big-business partners, marketing dollars and astronomical television rights.

From Bordeaux to Lens, the 1998 World Cup will be a moveable feast. Nick Bidwell spoke to the midfield wizard turned organiser about his 'competition of smiles'

a reworking of the crass commercialism so recently on offer in Atlanta, preferring to cmphasise the human aspect uf world football's showpiece.

"Off the pitch it will be a hitech tournament," Platini says. "But just as importantly, we want a competition of smiles and entertainment. Our stadia will be surrounded by our French culture, the architectural and natural beauty of our coun-

try and our good food. All this, l believe, will create a wonderful atmosphere at the event.

"Our stadia are not oearly as hig as those which were used at USA 94. We will have space for about 500,000 spectators, less than the Americans, But smaller grounds will make things more intimate. Of course, I would like France 98 to make a profit. But I will not cry if we break even as long as I have the satisfaction of doing something positive for France, the 2.5 million spectators who come to the games and football in geogral. their football against a variety

cars. Desig 1998 Warld Cup. place to be. With the hills of

Yet be does not see his baby as Wembley-lookalike ground built nn an island in the middle of the Garonne River, and even the slag heaps viewed on the hurizon from the Stade Felix Bollaert in Lens, there will be

a hackdrop for all tastes. Nine of the 10 venues to have the honour of hosting France 98 - Lens in the north; Nantes to the west: Bordeaux, Toulouse and Montpellier in the southwest; Marseille, Lyon and Saint-Etienne in the south-east, and

'Our stadia will be surrounded by our French culture, the architectural and natural beauty of our country and our good food'

the Parc des Princes io Paris have been revamped, with central government meeting a third of the costs. But the real jewel in the Gallic crown will be their only ocwly constructed World Cup arena, the 80,000-seater recuperate, and no venue is Stade de France, to be found in the northern Parisian suburb of St Denis.

The Stade de France, due for completion by the end of next press rail network." year, is a space-age stadium with 2,000 huxury boxes, 6,000 "prestige seats", several bars and restaurants, and parking for 6,000 ned by Aymeric Zu-

"Ville Rose" of Toulouse and its lop-sided distribution of foot- French are after.

ball. Six of the sites are to be found in the south and there is absolutely no World Cup presence in the east, Certainly, arganisers were keen for the Alsatian capital, Strasbourg, to host the party, but the Socialist municipal administration of the mayor, Catherine Trautmann, declined, unwilling to contribute to the bill of transforming the city's Stade de la Meinau into a 35,000 all-seater stadium. They instead opted to invest in a new train system and

indoor sports complex. "The new Palais des Sports will be in use for 50 years," says Robert Hermann, a Strasbourg city councillor. "The World Cup is just fur a month." It is ironic that the home of the European Parliament will not be part of the World Cup-

Faced with the task of cramming 64 games into 33 days. French World Cup officials nevertheless seem determined to keep teams and supporters on the road in the summer of 1998. Rather than making teams play at one or two firstround venues, it has been decided that in the opening phase all teams will appear at three different sites, a move designed to give all host cities an equal share of the World Cup cake.

Travelling from venue lo venue should not pose any great difficulties to players and fans," says Fernand Sastre, a France 98 administrator. "Between one game and the next there will be time for players to more than a one-hour flight or a four-hour train journey from another. All our World Cup cities are served by our TGV ex-

Security? Following the At-lanta bombing, Michel Platini promises oo effort will be spared in the fight against terrorsm, while any hooligan con For those who like to watch hlena and Michel Macary, it will templating mayhem on French provide a fitting setting for the soil should think again. The opening match and final of the country's CRS riot squad is ant known for its subtlety af re-Provence near Marseille's Stade

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New age dawns: The Stade de France at Paris St-Denis

1998 WORLD CUP

FINALS CALENDAR

Stade de France

Parc des Princes

Stade Félix-Boliaet

Stade de Gerland

Stade Geoffroy-Guichard

(9 matches)

6 matches)

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Marsoille

(7 matches)

Toulouse

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Nantes

Stade Municipal

Stade Vélodrome

Stade de la Mosson

Stade de la Beaujoire

tion is there for the taking. Only

onship failure, realistically stand

With Lithuania, Macedonia,

ing up the numbers, it seems in-

conceivable that even a modest

Ireland side can fail to make the

top two. The continuing support

from the Irish fans will be impor-

tant. Four unglamorous fixtures"

Road before the arrival of Roma-

nia for the final qualifier in Octo-

ber next year. Will the old rugby

ground be filled to the rafters, as

it was in the Charlton years? Or

lucky stars that the draw has

a pale shadow of the exciting

USA 94 team. And yet most of

the players were the same. It's

just that they were two years

longer in the tooth. Gheorghe

Hagi, now with 100 caps to his

name, might squeeze in one

more major tournament, but he

desperately needs younger sup-

Forecast: 1 Romania, 2 Repub-

Romania, too, can count their

been so kind. Beaten in all three

matches at Euro 96, they were

has the fascination gone?

are scheduled at Lansdowne

Iceland and Liechtenstein mak-

an ageing Romanian team,

bruised by European Champi-

in Ireland's way.

St-Etienne

Paris

REST OF THE WORLD QUALIFYING GROUPS Five African, three or four Asian, three from Concacaf, one or none from Oceania and four South American teams qualify qualify as hosts, Brazil as champions

For the first phase of 48 matches from 19 to 26 faire, the 32 teams will be divided into eight pools of four teams. Each team will play against the other three fishing in its pool, playing each match in a different station to allow greater fairness. In the calendar below, the pools have

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Germany, Portugal, Northern freland, Ukraine, Albania, Ar-Romania, Republic of Ireland, Lithuania, Iceland, Macedonia, Mick McCarthy's revemped Re-The most efficient team at Euro: but the improved status of ... 96 take on the most seductive. public of Ireland could not have Germany are the eternal hoped for a softer group. A third successive World Cup qualifica-

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fevourites; and with Berti Vegts continuing to place his absolute trust in the men who served him so dutifully in England, the Euro-pean champions will surely not fall to reach the World Cup finals in France. But Portugal, awash with gifted individuals, are the sort of team who could make

the Germans edgy and uncorn-totable, especially if new coach Artur longe can unearly a decent goalscore from somewhere. The bettle for first place in Group Nine will be hintgoing and intense. It will also be very private. Northern Ireland can take heart from the fact that they have drawn against both Portu-gal and Germany in the past year. But over a 10-game stretch Bryan Hamilton's learn

will be pushed to get even close to the two group favourities. Ulceine, who visit Windsor Park on Saturday, are not the force they might have been had they competed as an independem country 10 years ago. In those days they provided world-class incluiduals such as Protasov, Zaverov, Rais and Belenov : to the USSR. In the current Ulcaine team there is nobody

Forecast 1 Germany 2 Portugal

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The increase in the number of African World Cup qualifiers from two in 1990 to five in 1998 might seem a touch disproportionate to European ontookers, African football is there for all to

Pelé famously stated that an African country would win the World Cup before the century was out. France 98 is the last opportunity for that to happen. And Nigeria are the one team who genuinely threaten to make that prediction a reality.

The Nigerians' victory at the Olympic Games could prove to be a seminal achievement for African football: In truth, the Olympic tournament is still a youth event - and African teams have won lots of those in recent years - but there were some very strong teams in Atlanta. Both BradiLand Argentina (de-feated, respectively, in the semi-finals and final by Nigeria) are likely to take to the World Cup as many members of their Olympic squads as the eventual

Nigeria, with internationallyrenowned names such as Amunike. Kanu. Amokachi and Finidi George, will surely qualify for France. Which other teams will accompany them is less easy to forecast. South Africa are the reigning African champions and ture two excellent individuals in sweeper Mark Fish (now at Lazio) and midfielder John Moshoeu. But they have yet to be tested away from their passtonate home support and are in a difficult group. With; Algena and the Ivory Coast already eliminated, the other likel, qualifiers

are Tunisia, Cameroon and

State Aug. When France, the 1998 hosts. failed to qualify for the last World Cup, in the United States, word spread that Fifa, the governing body of world football, would try and introduce a new rule granting the hosts-to-be automatic

tournament. Thankfully, that has not materialised, so both Japan and South Korea must now attempt to get to France through the physical efforts of their footballers rather than the persuasive diplomacy of their

qualification for the preceding

It is on the cards that both teams will make it. The Japanese have never qualified for the finals before. They came within a whisker of doing so last time out, only to see their South Korean arch-rivals steal the prize of a trip to the United States from under their noses.

The South Koreans have been resent at the last three World Cups. They have never progressed beyond the first round. but in the States they provided Spain and Germany with plenty of uncomfortable memories. Saudi Arabia outshone the Ko-

reans in that same tournament. becoming the first team from the Middle East to survive beyond the opening round. They, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq, will lead the Arab challenge. A new threat to the Far East and Middle East comes from the

former Soviet republics, notably

from Uzbekistan, who are the

Asian champions.

Concacaf

When they are not suspended or acting as hosts, Mexico invanably take one of the World Cup qualifying places on offer in the Concacaf region. With three places going begging this time around, it is hard to imagine that they will not be on the World Cup trail again in two years'

The United States, too, are becoming regular performers in major competitions. Like Mexico. they have been invited to the last two Copa America tournaments (essentially, the South American championships), and they have also been on active service in the last two World

Cups, the last one on home soil. With the new Major League Soccer competition acting as a valuable testing ground for upand coming American telent, the US team can now expect to keep pace with the Mexicans as

the Concacaf's No 1 nation. The chief contenders for the third qualifying place are Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador and, from the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, the team that features the Aston Villa striker Dwight

Oceania

Despite tha increase in the number of finalists to 32, there is still no automatic place for the winners of the Oceania qualifying section. But perhaps that is only fair. After all, the region boasts just two teams with any prospect of putting on a competitive showing at the finals - Australia

and New Zealand.
The Australians will probably come through to the qualifying play-off, just as they did in 1993 when Argentina knocked them out with a freak goal in Buenos

The "Socceroos" looked to be in fine shape when they faced Scotland at Hampden Park this year. They lost 1-0 but deserved a draw, and in players like English-based Mark Bosnich, Steve Corica and Robbie Slater showed that they possess enough pedigree to reach their first World Cup finals for 24

South America

Without Brazil, automatically through to the finals as the holders, the South American qualifying tournament is short on mass appeal. Or at least it would have been but for the decision to introduce, for the first time, a giant round-robin tournament, in which each of the nine teams plays the others home and away

over en 18-month stretch. The competition began back in April and already there is something of an upset in the offing with Daniel Passarella's Argentina having lost 2-0 in Ecuador and been held 0-0 in Peru. But with four places available, and Brazil absent, it is inconceivable that Argentina, with so many excellent players at their disposal, will fail to qualify.

Maradona may have gone forever, but in Ariel Ortega, Argentina have a ready-made replacement in the No 10 shirt. The No 9 jersey presently belongs to Florentina striker Gabriel Batistuta, but he is under increasing pressure from an Olympic Games star, Heman Crespo, who was the joint top scorer in Atlanta and has now moved to Serie A side Parma.

Argentina will hope to return to winning ways on Sunday when they play host to Paraguay. The pick of this weekend's games is group leaders Colombia against the only other unbeaten team, Chile, while Bolivia, controversially allowed to stage their home games at altitude in La Paz, entertain Peru. South American champions Uruguay have to wait until October for their next match, and they have a bit of catching-up to do after losing two of thair opening

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Group form guides by Mike Hammond

Quinn gains the whip hand in late run for recognition

It is inevitable that in a game of short-heads and rapid shifts of for Fahd Salman, his owner, to fortune, some of the players will be remembered not for what they achieved, but for what they did not Like Richard Quinn, for instance.

Quinn has been one of the best riders in Britain for almost a decade, with more than a hundred winners in season after season, most of them earned the hard way at the major meetings and tracks. He can point to a Classic success too, on Snurge in the 1990 St Leger.

But try a little word-association in the average betting shop, and for every punter who recalls Quinn's delighted grin beneath the comical Leger-winner's cap, another will remember that he lost the ride on Generous just weeks before the colt won the Derby in 1991. Or perhaps the lrish Derby of 1988, when as Quinn and Insan were shortheaded by Kahyasi, the rider's whip still lay where he had dropped it, almost a furlong back down the course.

Difficult moments both, and promising careers have run aground on less, stripped of confidence or motivation. Quinn had, after all, partnered Gencrous from his first gallop through a two-year-old career which concluded with victory in but they have one every year."

sign up Alan Munro as his retained jockey with Epsom, the Irish Derby and the King George close at hand.

The easiest route would have been to stumble downhill, but Quinn decided to resume the climb, with such determination that he now stands within sight of the summit. Eleven weeks of the Flat season remain. If Output can make up two winners on Pat Eddery in each one, he will celebrate his 35th birthday in December as the new cham-

to prove.
Things like that probably do

make you a better person,"

Quinn said during a rare half-hour without a ride at York's

Ebor meeting last week. "But it

was all a long time ago and in

the last seven years I've aver-

aged 100 winners, including in the year of Generous, so it was

no great stumbling block. It was sad to miss out on the Derby,

Greg Wood on the jockey closing in on this year's Flat championship

It is the relaxed, confident comment of a rider who suddenly finds that he cannot turn a corner without humping into it was the Grand Prix de Deauville on Strategic Choice, who will run next in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Quinn, though, may prefer to ride

the colt will be tried first in the

Prix Foy over course and dis-

Paul Cole, who has been the

most significant figure in

Quinn's professional life ever

since the rider turned up on his

doorstep as an apprentice 16

years ago. Munro may have

claimed the Fahd Salman silks

between 1991 and 1993, hnt

Cole pointedly kept faith with

Both horses are trained by

tance on 15 September.

pion jockey of Britain, and as a Riyadian at Longchamp. Alrider, at last, with nothing left ready as short as 8-1 for the Arc.

string, and though no retaining fee changes hands, the association remains as strong as

"We get on very well in a professional manner," the jockey says, "he has a way he likes his horses to be ridden and that suits me because I ride in that way." Indeed, the Quinn style - tidy, thoughtful, determined - is the same both on and off the track, and his exceptional progress through the 1996 sea-

son is not the result of a dif-'Generous was no great stumbling block. It was sad to

miss out on the Derby, but they have one every year "Going to Hong Kong dur-ing the winter may have sharp-ened me up mentally, because they race very tight over there, but I certainly haven't change my style," he said. "It's just that all of my yards have been in

> winners you ride with more confidence. "Obviously this is going to be my best chance of the championship and I'll be all out for it, hut I've already achieved

> form from the start of the sea-

son, and when you ride more

prentice. Back then you just want a ride, and then a winner. My first target was 60 winners in a season and I've far sur-passed that."

Some might detect in the latter comment an absence of a champion's ruthless sense of purpose, hut there can be no shortage of the will to succeed. in a jockey who has ridden winners in almost two dozen different countries.

Instead, there is a memory of how far he has travelled and how difficult the passage has sometimes been. However, it is not Generous or Insan — any time you're beaten a shorthead it guts you, but it seemed to happen all the time with him" who provides Quinn's worst recollection, but an occasion when he was brought down and his mount was killed.

Regardless of whether he becomes the new champion in November, Quinn will return shortly afterwards to Hong Kong, where only the best re-ceive a second invitation. Yet though his talent is appreciated in the unforgiving cauldrons of Happy Valley and Sha Tin, in his own country it may be that only a title will earn similar regard. The fault there, of course, is not his, hut ours.



Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life Quinn: tidy and determined - on and off the track

BRIGHTON

2.20 Chain Reaction 2.50 Roman Ree! 3.20 TALATHATH (nap)

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Im 2f - outside; rest - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best over 5f & 8f.

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I Course is E of town. Follow supposts from town centre. Brighton station im (service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION: Club £12 (accompanied under-16e free); Tamersalls 58; Silver Ring £4 (free £4 per car). GAR PARE: Free.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITE RUNNESS: & Abstract — 23 winters from 96 numers gives a success ratio of 24.9% and a profit to a 51 level state of 536.77; G L Moore — 15 winners, 129 numers, 11.0%, -536.75; J Walte — 11 winners, 44 numers, 25.3%, +512.00; G Lewis — 2 winners, 70 numers, 12.9%, -57.83.

HYPERION

3.50 Tonic Chord

4.50 Imposing Time

4.20 Newlands Corner (nb)

■ LEADING JOCKETS: T Quinn — 52 winners, 244 rides, 21.3%, +\$13.49; Fut Eddery — 27 winners, 94 rides, 28.7%, +\$6.16; W Carson — 27 winners, 108 rides, 25%, +\$10.58; J Reid — 23 winners, 149 rides, 15.4%, -\$38.61.

FAIRORS OF HER AND TOWNS ON THE REP (2.50); Imposing Time (visored) 14.50). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Broughtons Turnoll (Brig 3.20) won Kemp 21 August Nextands Corner (Brig 4.20) won Sels 22 August Nextands by 0 Chapterin from Stillington, N Yorker, Geograph (4.20) sent 213 miles by P 0 Evans from Leighton, Powys,

2.20 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 2YO fillies 6f Penatty Value £2,571 43 BRAZILIA (18) (Major & Mrs Kennard and Parmers) P Victoryn 8 11... 335 CHANN REACTION (14) (Mrs Gay Jave) M Jave 8 11...

O PHYLIDA (14) (Nes P J Malon) P Malon 8 11... - 4 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Chain Reaction, 9-4 Brazilla, 3-1 Phylide, 7-1 City Gamble 1985: Nountain Valley 2 8 0 0 Biggs 4-5 (P Cole) 5 ran

FORM GLIDE BRAZILIA was well touted for her Both debut in 0 grade last month and went off an odds-on favourite, but she looked larly ordinary there and the fact that she was forced to switch inside the final furionity probably made stide difference as she came in fourth of fine to Bramble Bear. The form of the roce has worked our quite well and Brazilia went into that race carrying entires for the Lowther and the Cheveley Park. Even so, she managed only a one-pocket mid in on F-grate after over lungified's as full only 18 tays ago said it is the fack of competition which paints to her oftence. Chain Remotion was third over this course and distance the laby or completion where pairs to her circles, committees a first over one class and operand on her debut, although ready to lengths behind the winder. Outmeny Dencer, and then found Easystal and Marcia too good over the Lecciser five. She has since run just a law fifth to Poddy Lad at Sandown, fur must be feared. Phythia way three lengths admit of Chorn Recessor in the Sandown race when ridden at 3to occuregit by Robert Hawkin. Seb Sandoes takes over and Phythics, who should be better for her debut, could not need out with confidence. City Gambler is out of the Stryer Sun Street and may look the pace, al-though the market should provide a class.

2.50 DITCHLING CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added

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ROMAN REEL, will take all the beating if the ground relains some bounce, despite a couple of uninspiring ness at Yarmouth and here since his Chapston second to Astero. He has won a seler and a claimer over the course and distance this season and a return to his May-lune from here would probably be good enough. One in The Eye was out of his depth in the Newbury (June) motion won by Medicera Lady and also in the recent Windsor motion dominated by Turning Wheel. So must be judged on his 66-1 debut that to loams in a nine-numer Lingfield meader in May, Assuming the longer trips helps, he might pose a threat. She shall No was changly bought out of Land Hardington's yard in June, but can be given a chance if Roman Reaf No ses changly bought out of Lord Hurdington's yard in June, but can be given a change if Roman Read medices, especially if it caims. She probably needed her recent England nace when well beginn in a Black handcap, but her May not in a Loicester selling bandcap (good to soft) use a bit more encouraging. She sayed on under Set To go be sett of 19 to Kristol Breeze and she also won an all-weather handcap over 10 futuring at Lingland 3.3 mounts ago. Hower Profuge is held on the Loicester Future, Follow the Abstears ran on to be besten only a neck by Multi Franchise in a male claimer here those weaths ago and has a squask on that form, but Katabol outgurened her when they were respectively fourth and 11th in a Bath sealer a but-night book. Kreatch has been deseppointing since a Goodwood maxien win at three, but can probably make an impact in a week sage like this.

3.20 QUEENS PARK CENTENARY CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP) (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m Penalty Value £3,152

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BETTING: 5-2 7-dailtest, 7-2 thougatons Transol, 9-2 Sooty Term, 6-1 Estance Of Power, 7-1 Fort Knex, 10-1 Mr Nevermind, Tuta Creeks, 16-1 others
1965: Indemposen 5 8 0 Dane O'Neil 11-4 Olies G Kelleway) 7 um

SOOTY TERM has won at several different courses, including here, and made it career was number 16 when on the mark at Hamilton nine days ago. He was an easy winner from King Curan and Impulsive Air but the Sib penalty moles it bugliar. Sall, Bronghams Turmoll has a similar penalty for his smooth Kompton win as a race that wait a 0.45 handicap in all but marks. Belance of Power was 1.1th at Kenepton but more closely matched with Broughton's Turmoll than that effort suggests and got up close home to hear Yo Nat-8 and the somewhat unlooky Broughton's Turmoll in an Epsem handicap over series furlogs in late July. Fort Noos is allowed 4th to the tywo lengths by which Talashamb boot hard over the course and distance entire this more, but Talashamb has since you mufair a lag weight and Window and is facused to confirm the placings. Not Herrenalad is capable of running well after a lay-off, while Twice Creeks is a horse Ray Cockana has som on before and Vic Sonne's five-year-old has a decent chance if expoducing the pick of the off-meritar form.

3.50 GORING MEDIAN AUCTION MADEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 370 7f Penalty Value £2,381

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MOGRN has tred her luck on all-westher tracks a few traces, but assens a bit better on harl and she can a
decent race in the respect American handscap won by Broughton's Turmol. She finished only seweith after
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James has bets of form which suggest he can sen a stock of this nature, including when second of 1.1 to No
Sympathy in a seven-furiong claimar here in June. Tonic Chord a struggling to make an impression but she
has most only four times and James Farshame has found the right race for heir if she is any good. Mec
Option was second in a few-currier matter of handscap here last time and stepping both up in this should
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4.20 ARTHUR BORROW KING MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £3,179 043403 POLLY GOLIGHTLY (5) (David Syles) M Blumbard 9 7. . G Hind 4 OSSIGNO NO SYMPYRITY (82) (2) BY Higher) G.L. Moore 8 6. 64-6005 PERMILEY ROSE (12) (The Rosening P Horis 8 3. 00052 BRIDD (BEST (6) BASE Discret) Provider 7 10. 00-540 ALLSTRIS DANIGER (11) (The Alleins Cub) T.J Houghton 7 10.

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Thai Monaling, Rund, 24-1 others
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PORMA GIMDE

TYRESHIRA won a 22-numer handicap at Notington in April and is book to the terms handicap mark. That first-free-up we suggests the gow was when fresh and so the fact that the comes back from a lay-old of none which have been suggests also can figure under the good claimer Matt Henry. Handlands Corner is on a hat-trick but is now 12th higher than when gaining the fast of those was, at Carida's 23 days ago. She was a popular order for the claiming handlare size were at Saleshay lest time and had three lengths in hand of runner-up into Debt, who is just 2th better in. That Mountag less been running well to be going a chance, despite a sub-standard run over the Sandoon five light breached that with a first of 15 to Antonia's Melony at Rigon and a such of 15 to Wildwood Power at Window, Publy Bestightly is threatming to viri, a minor handlang and was running on at Leicester last time when that to Sandoon or Leicester's the langs. Reset can do hest of the others.

4.50 HANNINGTON'S OF BRIGHTON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100

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5		LIFT BOY (USA) (74) (D) (A Moore) A Moore 781Candy Mores 5
3		LA SELE DOMENQUE (25) (Richard Withers) 5 Kright 4712
7		LOGIE PERT LAD CLA Consid J Smith J Bridger 4 7 10

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BETTHE: 5-2 Le Belle Combique, 7-2 imposing Time, 9-2 Shorp Pearl, 5-1 Jacother St.
Bewellte Grange, 7-1 LIT Boy, 14-1 Logic Pert Lat
1995: Halbert 8 8 0 0 Sweeney 4-1 D4 Chornos) 5 ran

La Belle Deminique can her best race for quas some time when second of 10 to Gone Swage in a fac-fining hardings at Windom fact time, that his following a broak since June. Whether the form fatters her a little or whether she has improved in difficult to judge, but she not well a little or two last season, includa Bitle or whether site has improved in difficult to puripy, but she was well a time or two last assessor, industry when they to Premium Get and Just Descripent in a Domestern waters. BOMCLETE GRANNES in a real approximation of actioning his as a fair last higher in the handlong after several good runs this assessor, including wins at Bevectoy, Lingdold, Windoor and Domoster, he begins his working run off such a lost mark that he might still have some purgess left at time. The 19-day absence since his fifth of eight to Ajaz at Woberhampton will have seemed like a summer vecation to this busy house and this brandlose is not greatly competitive. Another Batchworth meets Dowellife Grange on 100s better errors than at Windoor last month, but failed to impress at Sandown last time from a poor draw.

Salvestion: BOMCLETE GRANGE

■ Jason Weaver will appear before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee today to face an inquiry into his riding of Sonderise at Pontefract earlier this month. He faces a 14-day ban if found guilty of irresponsible riding. In a separate hearing, the disciplinary committee will consider an appeal by Richard Hills against the decision of the Yarmouth stewards to find him guilty of irresponsible riding on Wardara.

The Ferdy Murphy trained Irish Stamp, ridden by Paul Carberry, finished three lengths second to Bean Noir in the Grand Steeple Chase Des Flanders the Private of the Private

dres at Waregem, Belgium yesterday. In the main supporting race, the Prix Felix de Rayck, Richard Dunwoody steered the Charlie Mann-trained Celibate into second place behind the six-length winner, Bagareur.

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Losses make McCormack quit

face in keeping their businesses afloat was brought into focus yesterday with the announcement that Matt McCormack is to give up his licence because he has been operating at a loss for the past three seasons.

The 56-year-old, who has been training for 17 years, saddled his last runner, Isla Glen, at Chepstow on Monday. . .

"I am going out with a smile hut this is a sad day all the same," he said. "I would love to be going to Doncaster Yearling Sales with 20 orders but I do not stalwart Taffy Jones won 19

"We held a hit of an open morning 10 days ago and not a single person turned up. In a launch a concerted effort to furway I was pleased, because it made the decision easy. I can't go on losing money. I rent the yard and don't owe a penny to anybody and at least I can go out with my head held high."

"no good" and recognises that he simply cannot make things pay. "I do the job properly and charge £184 per week but it is costing owners £15,000 per year to have a horse in training, which means they have to win five £3,000 races in one season to break even. How many hors-

McCormack, who leaves for "a new life outside the sport", has plenty of memories of the good days to call up. Although his highest win tally was 22 in

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RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Little Tincture (Worcester 2.30) NB: Sooty Tern (Brighton 3.20)

races over hundles, fences and on the Flat.

Campaigners will on Sunday ther reduce betting tax. The British Horseracing Board has published a report pressing the Government to cut the duty by 13/4% to hring it down to 5%. John Greenway, the Conserv-McCormack accepts that ative MP whose Ryedale conmost of his 22-horse team are stituency includes the training centre of Malton, said yesterday that a reduction in tax was vital. Greenway, the chairman of Parliament's All-Party Racing and Bloodstock Industries Committee, will use the platform of Malton's open day on Sunday to whip up support. Last time when we asked for a 23/4% reduction the Government gave us 1%," he said. more is needed to offset the impact of the National Lottery on betting. Four hundred betting 1985. McCormack produced shops were closed last year."

Celebration restores Classic year's esteem

Ratings LUKE ARDLEY

Generations of horses vary little in standard from one another according to Geoffrey Gibbs, the British Horseracing Board's senior handicapper. Gibbs, who has responsibility for assessing juvenile form, shrugs off criticism from some trainers and private handicappers that he has rated this year's junior crop too highly by pointing to median average ratings which have "hardly altered for generations". The last discernable upward shift came, he believes, with the impact of Arab involvement in

British racing in the early 1980s. The disparities between the medians of two-, three- and four-year-olds also remain steady, with the two-year-olds appearing higher, only to converge with their elders in the heat of competition

This year's Classic generation has fared no worse than its immediate predecessors in terms of Pattern and Listed prizes captured in open contest with its elders - except at the highest level, where the three-yearolds have not so much converged as been submerged. Mark Of Esteem's victory in

the Group Two Celebration Mile last weekend went some way to restoring a measure of self-respect for the Classic form, in one of the few inter-generational Pattern races this year in

which the three-year-olds turned out in relative strength. In giving a 6th penalty and a three-and-a-half-length beating to the dependable Bishop Of Cahel (114), Mark Of Esteem confirmed his Independent rat-ing of 126, while the third, Alhaarth, sank back to the low ebb

of his form, on 113. But it is symbolic that the best three-year-old performance of the season in Britain came in defeat, Shaamit's third to Pentire in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, a race whose form is working out ex-

Ratings for the leading times year olds of 1996 to have raced in Britain: 123 Shaamit, 126 Lady Carle, Mark Of Esteem, 125 Bljou O'Inde, 123 Ash-kalani, Grape Tree Road, 122 Dushyantor, 121 Mons, Protei, 120 Atraf, Glory Of Dancer, Sorble Tower, 119 Royal Court, 118 Bosra Shartt, Farasan, 117 Lucayan Prince, 116 Even Top, Ram-

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Agassi joins the establishment

Tennis

MER OF SPORT

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Flushing Meadow

Siding with the establishment is not usually Andre Agassi's style, but the Las Vegan made an exception here by offering sym-pathy to the beleaguered United States Tennis Association.

Agassi and his American compatrint Michael Chang were notable absentees when 50 leading players gathered on the eve of the US Open to demand that the Grand Slam championships adhere to the ATP Tour world

Chang, promoted to No 2 seed above Austria's Thomas Muster, did, however, express support for his peers after winning his opening match against the Brazilian Jaime Oncins, 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6. "I think the USTA will probably think twice ahout doing it next year." Chang said.

Agassi, raised in the seedings from seven to six, marked his 100th Grand Slam victory with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 win against Colombia's Mauricio Hadad. He then appealed for a ceasefire in the political sniping which has escalated since the USTA was forced to remake men's singles draw after failing to an-

nounce the seedings in advance.

"I was a little disappointed with the ATP choosing this as their platform and choosing this as their fight to fight," Agassi said. "The ATP has used the US Open for a platform to announce many things, includ-ing the start of their Tour. Then for the USTA to make an admitted mistake and for them [The ATP] in prey upon it, try to somehow take advantage of the situation here in their backyard is disappointing. I can't be

Asked if he felt out of step with the majority of the players. Agassi said. "I've been down that road. Six years ago the ATP used me to stand up and support and make the Tour happen. My weight was more than just one player. Then somehow, when it comes to any change that I disagree with, my weight is only one vote.

Agassi considered himself poorly treated when an ATP the recent tournament in Indianapolis. "It's something I've said a thousand times, and today they decide that I crossed the line," he complained.

Unseeded when winning the US Open title in 1994, Agassi adopted a philosophical stance nn this occasion. "I don't worry really where I'm seeded," be deal, so to say much more than that might lead one to believe that I just like the fact that it worked out for me."

It has not worked out at all for some, among them Jim Courier, the No 8 seed, who has withdrawn from Agassi's half of the draw because of a bruised knee.

Pete Sampras, the defending champion, had a change of first-round opponent when an ankle injury ruled out Roma-nia's Adrian Voinca. Enter Jimy Szymanski, a lucky loser from Venezuela, ranked No 164. Exit Szymanski, 2-6, 2-6, 1-6. In the women's singles, Mon-

ica Seles, runner-np to Steffi Graf last year, made a brisk start, dispatching Anne Miller, Tour supervisor, Mark Darby, a 19-year-old American, 6-0, ordered his disqualification for 6-1.



Gabriela Sabatini hits a backhand during her first-round win over Patricia Hy-Boulais in the US Open

Western Samoans wear down slick and sophisticated French

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD Western Samoa

Western Samoa booked their place in the final of the Halifax Student Rugby League World Cup by finally over-powering the French at the end of a gripping match at War-

ringlon last night. tion borne of having played reg-

ularly together. They led no less than five goal. limes, the last 10 minutes from time, but the sheer strength and vigour of a Samoan side hurriedly put together from uni-

the good reason that there are back into their own quarter France duly snatched it back wore them down.

The French, always capable, at this level and fielding players who have appeared for the national under-21s and even the full international side, first took the lead after three Their loose forward Charles

Giudicelli, a tireless worker who has stood out in this tournament for more than the fact the slickness and sophistica- ance in the 1979 World Cup must make him a very mature to the Islanders. student by now, added the

If the French relied on some delightfully crisp and inventive handling, the Samoan's strength lay in their formidable size and

none m Samoa - eventually yielded an equaliser when their excellent scrum-half, Malingi loane, went in from actinghalf-back.

Crismonovitch's penalty put France ahead again before Davey Fa'apito went over in the corner for the Samoans to give them a two point half time

The balding Crismonovitch showed his experience with a kick through which he retrieved again gave a narrow advantage

When a sweeping cross field move saw Laurent Nicholas go over it looked as though France's extra polish was going to see them into the final.

when their hooker Stephane Tena, scooped up a ball from his ankles to scoop over. Two tries in the last seven

minutes determined that it would be Polynesian power that won the day, Malu flipping the ball up for Brett Pitman and then Joseph Alaimoana burrowing his way across the

The popular Samoans, who had opened proceedings by fascinating contrast in styles, it was the French who showed all the slickness and contrasting contras

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Tom Malu barged over to Referee: A Burke (England). versities in New Zealand - for the way they forced the French snatch the lead again and then

Nathan McAvov has made up for the disappointment of missing oul on the senior Great Britain squad by being named captain of the Academy side to tour New Zealand at the same time this autumn.

Salford centre said, "this more than makes up for that letdown" when he was confirmed as the leader of a squad that hnpes to become the first to beat Southern Hemisphere op-

position in a Test series.

game," the Salford coach, Andy Gregory, said. "There is no doubt that he has a massive fu-

number of players, including the vice-captain, Ian Knott of War-The impressive 19-year-old rington, holding down regular places in Super League sides.

The most intriguing name among the 30, however, is that of Matthew Salter, a Londoner from Catford, who had never played rugby league until this don, who have the declared aim sition in a Test series. summer. "I was playing rugby
"Nathan has everything — union for Blackheath and went

Salter's call-up cheers London bags of pace, a good pair of down to the London Broncos hands and a strong defensive just to keep fit after the end of just to keep fit after the end of the season," Salter said.

He has made astonishing progress and played so well ture in the game."

The strength of the Academy party can be gauged from the that the Wigan and Great Britain coach, Ray Unsworth, has no doubt that he will be up to the required standard on tour. "I was mightily impressed by Matthew in the game when they beat us down there," said Unsworth. Salter's selection will be a huge encouragement for Lon-

There is a more familiar look to the party elsewhere, with seven players from Wigan and six from Leeds's successful junior ranks in the 30. The squad will play seven matches in New Zealand.

GREAT BRITAIN ACADEMY squad (autumn tour of New Zeeland): Bucket Arnold (St. Helens), Broadbeat (Widnes), Brown (Leeds), Cardise (Migan), Dean (Haidad, Flynn (Walerleid), Editour (Wigan), Golden (Leeds), P Johnson (Wigan), Kitching (Hulf, Long (Migan), Alechour (Selford), Cont, Mismo (Haidad), Stoken (Faedherstone), St. Hileire (Leeds), Westona (Selford), Forwards: P Anderson St. Helens), Brymes (Wigan), Clarke (Migan), Field (Leeds), Forzard (Leeds), Hargewe (Castelford), Highton (Heldad), Knott (Warmgon), Leathern (St. Helens), McClinney (Odham), Misner (Hutdersfield), Newton (Leeds), Tailbot (Wigan), Selter (London Broncos). nf fielding a largely local-based side within the next few years.

Wales wither away under Ukraine's grip

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Cardiff

Wales paid the penalty of defensive tactics yesterday on the second day of the women's European Junior Championship here when they were thrashed 5-0 by a sparkling Ukraine side, who are surprising everyone with their mastering of the "no offside" rule and their allround ability.

Wales, with captain Kate ed brighly until, in the 12th minute, their defence opened wide to allow Marina Ilina to end a 60-yard run with the opening goal.

Thereafter, Wales conceded the midfield, fell back on defence and never offered a serious challenge. Two further goals just before the interval emphasised the Ukraine's superiority. A side composed from just three clubs, with 10 players from Sumy Ukraine, dominated the second half and were not put off by a 10-minute delay due to a thunderstorm. Only poor penalty corner drill stopped them going into double figures - they squandered 12 secondhalf corners. Wales' dreams of

making Saturday's semi-finals. are now in tatters. Earlier in the day, Germany, the defending champions, came from behind to beat Spain 3-1, scoring all their goals in the second half, and they now look cer-

tain to make the semi-finals. England continue their campaign today against Russia, with the confirmation that their infured captain, Lucy Newcombe, will play in spite of her fractured

Future fading for England

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Hopes were fading last night for England's return to the Five Nations fold. Delegates of the other four unions, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France, were locked in talks discussing the latest offer from Twickenham to try to resolve the issue and get England reinstated into the Five Nations' Championship. It is expected that English rugby will discover its fate this morning home and away." when a statement will be made:

Even before going into the meeting, the Scottish Rugby Union president, Fred McLeod, was pessimistic as to the outcome. "If I had my way, this would be the last meeting. The talking just has to stop. We've been going at this for months now and we've got a season under way," McLeod said on BBC radio yesterday.

"We expect to receive a response from the Rugby Football Union on their discussions with Sky, with a view to unscrambling the contract they have at the moment to enable the Five Nations television committee to negotiate the rights to future Five Nations Championships, including the one coming up.

"But it's been strangely quiet in Twickenham over the last week or two, and I must say my optimism is turning to pessimism. I don't know whether it is the RFU's attitude that is hardening nrwhether it is Sky's, who, with a contract in place, see no good reason to change

exclusive broadcasting rights to all matches in England, are prepared to cede their rights as far as the Five Nations goes. "We are not worried about all the other matches," McLeod said. "If we can just negotiate the

principles of the sharing of TV rights for the Five Nations then we can go forward. Otherwise I suspect the other four unions will decide to go it alone and I would then expect to be announcing that there will be a Four Nations championship,

Twickenham yesterday refut-ed claims by the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, Vernon Pugh, that the proposed Anglo-Welsh club tournament was not officially sanctioned by the RFU. Pugh has told the Welsh clubs not to participate in the inaugural event because of the apparent lack of official backing. But the RFU secretary, Tony

Hallett, said: "As far as Énglish clubs are concerned, the tournament is wholly legitimate and sanctioned by the RFU." Will Carling and his multicapped colleagues in England's three-quarter line, Jeremy Guscott and Rory Underwood, will learn today, when the first England squad is named, whether they are part of the manager Jack Rowell's early scason plans.

During the summer the trin, who possess 196 caps between them, were omitted from a squad session, along with the 48times capped No 8 Dean Richards, Rowell insisted at the time that they were "in no McLeod insisted that the key lay with whether BSkyB, who have a £87.5m five weed a five well known to the selectors and they will, of course, be considered when the season is

selection process ANDY FARRELL reports from Collingtree Park. And now a word from our

Masters

opens

sponsors: Please do not use our product for the next four days. Mobile phones are usually implementa non grata at golf tournaments and a message in the programme for the One 2 One British Masters reminds spectators to switch their devices into voicemait mode.

In prevent their answering machine being clogged up with complaints from the players, the officials have already issued an apology for the state of the Collingtree Park greens. They are brown in colour and are said to be suffering from "annual meadow grass decline" through recent hot weather. They may well put better than they look, but when asked about the course, Seve Ballesteros said: "I found the tees

in very good condition." The tournament, which runs from today to Saturday because of England football and cricket matches packing Sky TV's schedules on Sunday, marks the start of the year-long qualifying process for the European Ryder Cup team. Captain Ballesteros's message when it comes to his two wild-card picks is clear: don't ring me, I'll ring you. Last year Nick Faldn, lan Woosnam and Jose Maria Olazabal, who then wilhdrew with a foot injury, failed to qualify and Ballesteros does not want the situation to occur again.

"I want the players who think they are going to be on the team to try and qualify." Ballesteros said. "Otherwise they might be in for a surprise." The American-based Faldo has failed to respond to the call and his only European event left this season is the Lancome Trophy in two weeks. Suggestions that he is going to play in the following week's Loch Lomond Invitational have not been confirmed.

"Let's just hope there isn't an embarrassing situation where one of us has to be left out," Colin Montgomerie, who is to expand his US tour schedule from six to 12 events next year. said. "I am going to have to be careful. It's a problem. We need the flexibility to get our best team and we haven't got it."

Ideally, Ballesteros would like to keep his options open for both a late return to form by himself (current record, three missed cuts) and a return to fitness from the arthritic Olazabal. He has not played for a year, but has requested a special dispensation to use a buggy during the Perrier Paris tournament, a non-qualifying event, in Bor-deaux in October. Even if this is granted, it is unlikely to be extended to regular tournaments. Montgomerie's immediate

concern is to regain top spot in the Vnlvo Rankings, a fourth victory is his aim after failing to win a major.

Tiger Woods has played his last competitive round as an amateur. Woods, who won an unprecedented third consecutive US Amateur title on Sunday, announced vesterday: "This is to confirm that, as n f now, I am a professional golfer.

Budgens back in the swim

The art of recovery was much needed by Andy and Ian Budgen on the second day of the Audi Laser 500 National championship in Hayling Bay yesterday, writes Stuart Alexander. After winning all three races on Mnnday the Gourock pair found themselves well down the 53-boat fleet in the first race but came back to finish 10th, hooked themselves round the turning buoy in the second and fought back from third last to finish eighth, and then scored a third in the final race.

the much stronger breeze at the end of a day which had offered light winds for the first race and medium for the second. In that race Paul Brotherton and Tim Hancock blasted off early and were disqualified. As they had suffered the same fate on Monday, this has ended one of the main threats to the Budgens defending their 1995 title.

The two-boat French team of Jean-Philippe Saliou in Gavroche and Domenic Bourgeois in Cyrano were leading the second leg of the Teacher's Round Britain Challenge from Galway to Oban last night, having al-They had been second in ready won the first from Cowes.

Bowe seeks negotiated fine

Commission official has criticised reports that Riddick Bowe is to be fined £167,000 and his manager, Rock Newman, suspended for a year following a post-fight riot last month.

Bowe won the fight in Madison Square Garden after Andrew Gulota was disqualified. After the referee stopped the bout, members of Bowe's entourage charged across the ring, and a fight broke out, with Jason Harris attacking Golota with a mobile telephone.

It was claimed lawyers for Newman and Bowe worked out A New York State Athletic the fine and suspension as a compromise to keep the commission from banning Newman for life, bul the official said: "It's are ongoing. No final disposition. has been made. I cannot confirm

or deny anything."
Under the alleged agreement, Bowe's promoters would he barred until 31 July 1997 from any boxing event in New York. Harris would be baired for York. Harris would be baired for life for the attack on Golota, but Bowe would remain eligible to fight during the penalty period.

Basaball

Kari Brown, the England guard and Lon-don Towers' major summer signing, will be out of action until November after fracturing his arrive in a pre-season tour-nament in Italy.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 2 Detroit 1: Beltmore 12 Oeldend 11; Toronto 5 Minnesota 3; Milweuker 3 Chicago White Sox 2; Boston 4 Californie 1; Sessite 2 New York Yankees 1. NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 1 Philadel-phile 0; St Louis 3 Houston 2 Colorado 9 Cincin-nati 5.

Surrey have released batsman Devid Ward after an 11-year association with the county. Ward scored more than 8,000 first class runs for Surrey and in 1990 became their first batsman since John Ednich to score 2,000 runs in a

SPORTING DIGEST land in June, the Italian cycling feder-otion said yesterday. "He has been cleared. The case is closed," a spokesman said.

Football Birmingham City's striker Kevin Francis is having a foot operation after being restricted to only two first-team outings

n pre-sesson.

Scott Caritism, West Ham midfielder/has joined Brentford, with whom he spent three months on loan last season, for a fee of around £25,000 rising to £60,000 besed on appearances. The 21-year-old never played for the Hammers. BBC Wales has won exclusive television

and radio rights to cover Weish football until the year 2000 in a deal which could be worth £1m. Petihip Carling, the Arsenal marketing managar, is to join the Footbell Association as commercial director in October. In seven years with the North London club, he played a substantial role in increasing financial tumover from around £4m to more than £20m.

around £4m to more than £20m. The former Republic of Ireland and Bournemouth goalkeeper, Tommy Godwin, has died aged 69 at his home in Bournemouth. Godwin, capped 13 times, kept goal when the Republic recorded their first victory against England on English soft 2-0 at Goodison Perk in September 13-49. Plymouth will have to pay Hereford £60,000, plus £20 000 after 25 games, for central defender Tony James, a transfer tribunel ruled today. This Saturday's Scottish First Division

This Saturday's Scottish First Division match between Partick Thistie and St Mirren, which had been postponed because of international call-ups, will now be played as scheduled.

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WOMEN'S JUNIOR EUROPEAN CUP (Cardiff) Second day Pool A: Germany 3 Spen 1; Water 0 Ukraine 5.

Rugby League Lee Hansen, the Widnes prop, has been

> TODAY'S NUMBER.

The number of managers that have been in charge of Manchester City since Joe Mercer left the club in 1972. Under Mercer, City won the League chempionship, the FA Cup, the League Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup, but have lift-ed just one major troofly since, the League Cup in 1976.

have a £87.5m five-year deal for transfer-listed at £250,000 following speculation about his future. The 28-year-old Yongan has been linked with Wigan and St Helens recently and the Widnes chairman, Jim Mills, said: "We have listed him refuctantly. Hansen Joined first division Widnes from Leight Novembers and and was their onthe every

two years ago and was their only ever-present this season, sconng one try in

Rugby Union Hardequins give League debuts to French forwards Laurent Cabannes and Laurent Benezech in their opening game against Gloucester on Saturday. But Will Carting's ambitions of playing stand-off are put on hold. He wears his normal No. 13 shift in the centre, though Dick Best, the Harlequins Director of Rugby, said: "Will is definitely booked for some competitive games at stand-off."

John Lome, brother of New Zealand Injunior, 20 years old and weighing in at 16-stone, three stone lighter than his brother, has joined the Cardiff-based Na-tional League seven club, Old litydians, who travel to Swansea Uplands on Sat-urday in the first round of the Swalec South Africa dropped their stand-off Joel

Stransky yesterday when they an-nounced their team for the third and nounced their feath for the find and final Test against New Zealand at Ellis Park on Saturday.

SOUTH AFRICA (for third and final Test on Saturday): A loctory J Swort, J Mulder, D van Schollowk, P Hendinks; H Hiphitoti, J van der Westhacen; G Techmann (capt). A Venter, R Mager, M Andrews, K Weste, M Hutter, J Dallon, IJ Theron.

The former Seracens captain Brian Davies is joining Welsh first division club TOUR MATCH (Hissberiey, SA): Grountand West 18 New Zealand 18.

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EVENING RACING RESULTS

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ran, 11-4 to Ros-O-Rdy, 7., 17-, 10 Modern, Cormeh. Tota: 59-80; 6: 190, 6: 190, 5: 2-20, 57£40.60, CSF: £44.24, NR: Chaseman Ryer, Tro:
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3.30: 1. LRNCLE DOUGE IA Cultures 6-1: 2. Shaltery Suc 7-2; ir ser. 9. Shi For Gold 7-2; g. ser. 12 res. 17-8. Biter M Roveley, Salthurn. Totes 6.50: 6.1.30; j. 1.30; j. 1.70; DF: 65.60. CSF: 628.57. Trosst; £78.85. Tro: 68.80. NR: Good Heart. 4.00: 1. WAPER U Compil 8-1: 1. Red Valentine 14-1: 2. Chesental Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 3.1 fas Shang Cond. Heart. 7. Biter 14-1: 2. Chesental Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 1. Salthur Cond. (Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 2.1 fas Shang Cond. (Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 1. Salthur Cond. (Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 1. res. 1. Salthur Cond. (Bargett 14-1: 1. res. 1.

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2.15: 1. KNUCKI ERILSTER (A P. McCo) 1.2 for; 2. Regula 6m 11.2; 3. Seven Wells 50.1; 7 rea. 8. 9. (P. Hobes, Monchest). Tota: £1.70; £1.30, £1,70, DY: £2.50, CS; £3.46; 2.46; 1.4 ppercodarbe (A P. McCo) 14.4; £. Close Edge 6-5 fax; 2. Hacketta Cross 6-1. 4 rea. 7; 7; (H. Hose, Testos). Tota: £7.50, DY: £4.10, CSF; £23.15; MR. Royal Cond. £7.50, DY: £4.10, CSF; £23.15; MR. Royal Cond. 5. 15; £1.15; 2. Music Score 8-1; 3. Deta; of Lancaster 7-2. S rea. 13, rd. (P. Hobbs, Merchand). Tota: £1.50; £1.10, £1.150, DY: £1.140, CSF; £5.31.

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2. Elte Rag 11-3 for J. Ozde Jones 7-1. 4
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4.15: 1. MICHERROO F JUTTON 9-1: 2. Con-th D'Estruel Euros Ew. 3 ma. 9: 15 Brookshaw, Uffingtont. Tota: £5.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £16.36. 4.45: 1. MELION DANCER (D Water) 7-4 fac: 2. Kymin 3: 2. S. Rescutzer 8-1: 20 ran. 1%, 6. (M Poe, Wellington). Tota: £3.30; £1.20, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £6.91. True: £21.40. Places et: £681.00. Geologic: £106.30. Place &: £1.600.30. Place Er: £1,448.51.

Mick Channon's Sidea Blanka (Billy Newnes) and William Haggas's Yeast (Ray Cochrane) finished sixth and eighth respectively to La Blue in the Group Three Octtingen Rennen at Baden-Baden yesterday. John Hills's Royal Philoso-

pher (Olivier Peslier), was fourth in the Group Three Prix Quincey won by Rising Colours at Deauville. Hills's Alzabella. ridden by Frankie Dettori, also had lo settle for fourth in the Listed Prix Michel Houvvel Dettori was second on the lan Balding-trained Papua, in the Prix du Haras de la Huderie.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL

First results and your chance to register

oday we are publishing the first set of results in our Independent Fantasy Football game, supported by Philips Energy Saver Light Bulbs.

Listed below you will find two scores. The Week 2 (Wk 2) column shows all points scored in matches played between Monday 19 - Sunday 25 August inclusive. The Overall (Ov) column shows each player's/manager's points for Week 2, added to his points for Week 1 (matches played Saturday

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If you have not yet registered or if you want to pick a new team, then it's not too late. See below for details of how to enter and how you could win tickets to the '98 World Cup or qualifying games.

The overall winner at the end of the season will be the entrant who has accrued more points than any other Independent Fantasy Football team in that time. Win the ultimate prize a trip to the 1998 World Cup in France. The winner, plus companion, will see all the action of a quarter-final and a semi-final of their choice, plus the final. In addition, the highest scoring team each month will win a pair of tickets to one of England's World Cup qualifying games at Wembley.

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Using your football knowledge decide your team formation from the following four options:

FORMATION A. 4-4-2

4 Defenders, 4 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION B. 4-3-3 4 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 3 Strikers

FORMATION C. 5-3-2 5 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION D. 3-5-2 3 Defenders, 5 Midfielders, 2 Strikers

You are free to enter as many teams as you wish, allowing you Every time one of your players scores a goal you will be award-



Use our Team Selection form above right, to make a note of your team's details, then dial our registration hotline to register. Where possible, please try to use a tone telephone, although a traditional pulse telephone can be used if necessary. Make sure you follow the instructions on the phoneline carefully. At the end of your call you will be given your own special PIN number, which you must keep safe. It can be added to your Team

HOW TO SCORE

to try out more than one tactical formation, but each team must ed four points. Four points will also be awarded for goalkeepbe made as a separate cotry via a separate telephone call. ers and defenders whose team have kept a clean sheet during a Once you have chosen your formation, select your team of 10 match. If a player scores the winning goal, i.e. if there is a oneplayers to fit your chosen option, plus one goalkeeper and one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal manager from the list below. Players can only play in the posifor the winning team is awarded one bonus point in addition to tions that they are listed under and the team's total value must the standard four points awarded for that goal. Each successful not exceed £40 million. Remember to give your team a name. assist (a pass that, in the opinion of our team of experts, leads making your call.

directly to a goal) will give a player three points. The opinion of our experts on this matter is final. Each player selected

and starting a game will be awarded one point. Players lose one point for a yellow card and three for a red card. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count for scoring purposes.

The Premiership manager that you choose will be awarded three points if their real-life team win, one point if they draw and no points if they lose.

Results will be published in The Independent every Wednesday for all games played from the previous Monday. to Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sun-

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POINT SCORES:

4 points for a goal ■ 4 points for a goalkeeper/defender clean sheet # 3 points for a successful assist # I point when a player is selected and plays I point for a winning goal - 3 points for a manager win, 1 point for a draw Lose I point for a yellow card Lose 3 points for a red card

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At the end of your tether? Relax

SO YOU WANT TO... GO WATERSKIING

By Louis Jebb

n F Scott Fitzgerald's fable of wasted promise, Tender is The Night, the nero Dick Diver is shown watersking in the South of France. He skims cross the water, showing off to onlookers, a symbol of youthful, care-free athleticism. He and his wife make a glamorous, talented couple; nothing can

As the years pass, and the Divers' dream turns sour. Dick returns to the beach to ski. But the tricks and swoops that came so easily the first time are now out of reach. Age, drink and disillusionment have caught up

Fitzgerald's use of waterskiing as a metaphor for glamour and virility - at a time when the sport was in its infancy - has stood the test of time all too well. It is a source of the sport's attraction for some, but also a myth, and one of the reasons that some would-be skiers have difficulty with, or are daunted by waterskiing, a sport that can be enjoyed equally by pensioners and children

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The secret to waterskiing is to allow the speedboat that tows the skier across lake or sea to do all the work - to pull you up out of the water into a balanced position on your haunches and then into a standing position with knees bent, knee-joints above ankles, back straight, arms straight and relaxed and head balanced and looking ahead. This co-ordination of movements is bound to break down if the skier is trying too hard, trying to fight the boat. Prohlems develop when a skier tries to push with his legs or pull with his arms. But these problems are confined almost entirely to men trying to prove a point, according to Duncan Hancock, one of the instructors at Prince's Club, at Staines, near Heathrow Airport. Women are are almost invariably more relaxed, he says, because they don't

fell the need to impress.

Waterskiing is certainly a taxing sport.
Even British international competitors such as Sarah Gatty Saunt and Jason Seels, find that a winter's training in the gym is no preparation for the special explosive athletic demands of slalom, jumps and tricks. But there is nothing exclusive about these demands. On a typical summer morning at Prince's Club they ski customers in rotation: a typical cross-section included a girl of nine, two teenage brothers, two middle-aged couples and two work-mates, enjoying a day out. All had skied before except one of the last group. But Duncan Hancock had him skiing, standing up at his first attempt, holding on to a bar off the side of the boat - to make instruction eas-

ier - and skiing from a rope soon after. The secret is in relaxation, letting the tug of the rope pull you into an upright position and then keeping your weight well bal-anced. Listening to Hancock instruct a less adept pupil you could hear him repeating, over the roar of the engine, "Relax, relax, relax; keep your knees together; relax, re-lax, relax." When you learn to relax, everything becomes effortless.

The essential first step in learning to waterski, according to Sarah Gatty Saunt, is to get the right instructor. Some people have come back from holiday with horror stories of being dragged under water. This is quite unnecessary if you go to a cluh rec-ommended by the British Waterski Federation. They are legion in Britain, launched on the back of the international success of the world champion Mike Hazelwood and his generation in the late 1970s.

Most clubs are open before, during and after the summer and offer cable skiing, where you are towed round a circuit on a wire rather than by a boat and a driver, making the sport more affordable. And when you reach the standard where you are confident in your abilities and ski regularly. there is no more exhilarating sport.



Taking to the water: a

Common Lane

(evenings)

South-West Cirencester Water Ski Club



club-by-club selection The North

London and South-East Princes Club Clockhouse Lane

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TW14 8QA Telephone: Don Everett 01482 640428 (days); 01482 631627 Cost: Non-members £10 (Including tuition), Members £5. Membership; £142 per year, reductions for juniors and families. Cost: Non-members £26 (day); £13 (two hours); £11 (hour), Members £18; £6; £6. Prices do not include

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Cost: £13.50 per day (including ba-sic tution); £8 members. Special rates for groups and schools. Membership details: £180 adults; £120 juniors; £325 family.

West Midlands Stoke-on-Trent Water Ski Club Trenthem Gardens

Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshare Cost: £7.50 per day (excluding tu-rion charge where applicable); book-ings advisable. Membership details available on request.

Lake 37 Cotswold Water Park Gloucestershire Cost: From £10 per person weekdays; weekends members only. Phone for membership details and hinkings.

Scottish Water Ski Association Scottish National Water Ski Centre Town Loch Townhill Dunfermine KY12 OHT Telephone: 01383 620123

Cost: Non-members £12 per day; £10 children/students/OAPS. Mem-bers £7. Group discounts available. Further Information British Water Ski Federati

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JUST THE TICKET: a weekly guide to what's on where

adjoining panel.

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Lancashare (Hove); Yorkshire v Essex (Headingley).

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CYCLING: Tomorrow: World Track Championship (Manchester).
SNOOKER: Tomorrow: UK Championship fi-ral qualifying (Nothreck Cartie, Blackpool).
FOOTBALL (Mok. off 7.30 unless stated): Fri-day: Nationwide Lague: WBA v Sheffield Unit: Plymouth v Preston NE.

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90LP: Priday: British Mesters (Collingree Park, Northampton). St. Andrews Trophy (Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, to Aug 31). SPEEDWAY TOMOTOW: Presier Longue: Ip-swell v Swindon: Middleshrough v Hull; Sheffeld v Reading (7.45). Friday: Confee ence Langue: Amp Essa, v Berwek (8.0).

This weekend

Leicestershire v Soroerset (Leicester); Surrey v Wenwickshire (The Oral); Sussex v Loncestee (Hove); Yorishire v Essex (Headingley). (Hove): Yorkshive v Essex (Headingloy).

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MOTORSPORT: Formula Three Championship (Perrorey).

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SPECIMITY: Premier League: Bradford v Nul.

13.01: Eastbourne v Poole (3.301: Oxford v Ipswich (6.30); Scottish Monarche v Woherheropton (6.30); Sashidon v Beter (3.0).
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(3.30); Sittingbourne v Betwick (2.0). Conference: League Knock Out Cop semi-fittals

SATURDAY/Attricties

Barnet Copthall Stadium, Hendon. More than two dozen of British's Atlanta Olympic team will compete in the traditional and-of-season battle for the Guardian insurance men's Gold and women's Jubilee Cups. Olympic bronze medallist Denise Lawis auris out for cup holders Birchfield white hosts and main rivals, Shaftesbury Barnet, Include Commonwealth triple jump record-holder Ashia Hansen. Hansen is currently in impressive form after recently breaking ber Commonwealth triple jump record.

After a fairy-tale season, in which he qualified for the 400 metre Olympic Arter a taily-tale season, in which he qualified not the 400 metre ulympic final, Twan Thomas nums for defending champions Newham and Essex Beagles. Belgrave Harriers are expected to provide stam opposition and hope to field most of their seven Dlymplans over the weekend.

How to get them: The stadium is studied between Hendon and Istil Hit where the A1 meets the 441. Turn of one flee they owner and the listuace complete is located on page Street he adjusts needing state why owner and the listuace complete is located on page Street he adjusts needing states at 9.45am and continues to 5.30pm. Parking is free of charge. Telesta are available at the stadium of but the stand and 52 viewbees. Telephone 0181-457 9900 for further information on delet prices, start times and directions.

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SPEEDWAY: Monday: Premier League: Deter v Crosley Heath & Stoke; Reading v Coventry: Wolverhampton v Swindon.

A colourful line up of high flyers from around the world will be joining local kits

Plan ahead

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Next week FOOTBALL: Monday: FA Carring Premior-side: Sheffield Wednesday V Latester (8.0). Tuesday: FA Carring Premiorator: Windha-don v Totzentam. Coca-Cain Cup First round; 2nd log: (28 ties). Section Coca-Coin Cup Third round: (five ties). festival enthusiasts for the 11th Bristol International Kite Festival in Ashton Court Estate over the weekend of 7th and 8th September. This arrival little extraveganca is free and provides a show-case for some of the world's best flyers to display their skills.

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all parts of the globe including Japan, America and New Zealand. One high-light of the weekend will be Japanese Rokkaku battles with teems of figes ma-noeuvering large hexagonal kites. These battles will be unlike anything experi-enced by the average kite figer as comactitors attempt to cut one another out. of the sky until only one trumphant late remains in the air.

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CYCLING: Britain's free-wheeler starts his title pursuit at the World Track Championships in Manchester today. Guy Hodgson reports

Is it a Boardman, is it a plane..?

or a man who was discussing Superman positions. Chris Roadman tions, Chris Boardman looked in need of an urgent visit to a telephone box. Even drippy Clark Kent remembers to put socks on, and what sportsman comes to a press conference these days wearing a shirt and

The image was incongruous given the talk about the mountains that are about to be attempted, but the convictioo hehind Boardman's words had the ring of authenticity. If things go to plan at the Manchester Velodrome over the next 10 days, Britain's most celebrated cyclist will have reclaimed two of the sport's great prizes.

This morning he hegins his assault on the 4,000 metres pursuit title at the World Track Championships, and next Friday he will try to ride further in one hour than any man has gone before. It is an intimidating agen-da but to hear him diminishes the scale.

"I believe the world record will be broken in the pursuit," he said. "In fact, I will be more surprised if it wasn't broken than if it was." As for the hour, the blue riband cycling equivalent of athletics' four-minute mile, he said he would not be even attempting it if he did not have a margin to work with, "It would be too much of a risk," he said. "There are no second prizes.

It was not the idle hragging that belittles many a sportsman, nor the mock bravado of an athlete constructing his confidence by saying what he waots to hear. Boardman, who turned 28 oo Monday, has dooe the experiments and has reason to believe he can enhance a reputation built on his Olympic gold medal in the pursuit in Barcelona four years ago. There is also the little matter of a oew ridiog position.

This involves stretching out the arms and lying on the han-

allels with Superman, and when the Italian Andrea Collinelli used the position invented by Graeme Obree, to win the gold at the Atlanta Olympics, the re-

sults look super, too. Certainly they did to Board-man, who returned from the Olympics, tried to take off on a specially modified bike in trials in Manchester, and was fly-ing within an afternoon. "It's a considerable improvement, Boardman, who held the hour record for a year until Obree broke it in 1994, said. "I don't like it. I think it's going towards human-powered vehicle rac-

'I believe the world record will be broken in the pursuit. In fact, I would be more surprised if it wasn't broken'

ing, but if it's within the rules and I consider it to be an advantage, I'll use it."

A new position has coincided with his return to fitness. A slight viral infection hamstrung Boardman in the Tour de France, where he finished 39th, and the effect of the three-week Tour had an effect in Atlanta, where he could claim only bronze in the time trial. At Manchester, however, he has uncovered his form.

Even without the Superman position, Boardman was doing enough to suggest he would outstrip the hour record of 55.295 kilometres, set by Switzerland's Tony Rominger in November 1994 at Bordeaux, the scene of

The advantage of taking it ly ing down has pushed back the limits now and the 56km mark is within reach.

"I won't be drawn into figures," Boardman said, "because 1 then have to live up to it. Everyone will be waiting. Expecting. All I'll say is that 56 kilometres is possible. If I thought I could only do 55.35 or 55.4, I wouldn't do it. If you're talking about hreaking a record by 50 metres, it would be so close it would be unpleasant to try. The mental pressure

would be enormous." The whole record is a question of mind. The last time he hroke it, the sheer enormity of what he was undertaking para-lysed Boardman. "Starting is very difficult." he admitted.

"There's no fixed time, some-

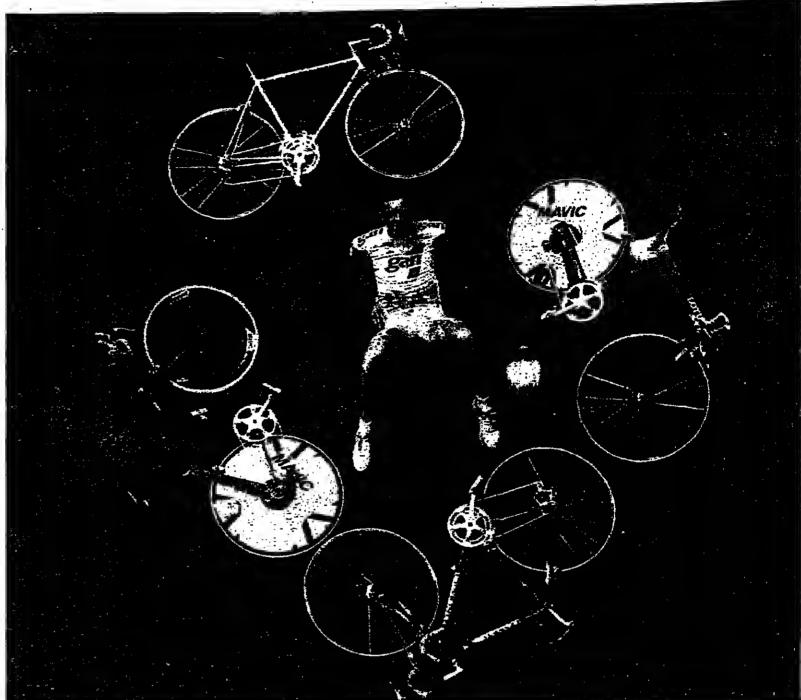
one just tells you to go when you're ready. I remember sitting at Bordeaux thinking, 'You've got to go, you've got to go'.
"It's all ahead of you. The unknown. Can I do it? You don't

get many people who do the thing in training. You do por-tions of it - 20 kilometres, half an hour - but you don't do it all. To have the whole thing in front of you is enormous."

Boardman's first attempt will be on 6 September, but the fol-lowing day has also been set aside in case of mishap, as well as the following weekend.

"I want to do it as soon as possible. There's always a chance I might want to return to it, hut I'm in good form now and want to get it over with," he

First, however, there is the World Track Championships and the title he won in 1994. Then Boardman indicated he would probably turn his back on the pursuit, but the pull of an eveot so close to home has proved irresistible, "It's an hour from where I live. And that's unlikely to happen again in my cy-cling career. It will be a very special occasion for me." If it all goes to plan, it will be special for more than him.



Have wheels, will travel: Chris Boardman is focused on reclaiming glory at the Manchester Velodrome

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Absent Obree leaves mark on rivals

The cult of the flat-out racing style that Ohree likens to style is growing. Although its Superman, arms outstretched, guru, Graeme Ohree, will not in flight. be defending his world 4,000 metres pursuit title in Manchester today, his presence will be everywhere in the £9m velodrome. Britain's temple of track racing.

New Zealand, the word has spread. The Italians, usually eveling's innovators, became the followers when Obree beat their best, Andrea Collinelli, to win a second world crown last year in Bogota.

A weakened Obree failed in place. Atlanta, but Collinelli won the Olympic gold medal and set a his way back after suffering a world record. Antonella viral infection, withdrew on Bellutti produced a second medical advice, leaving Boardgold medal for Italy using the man to carry the flag against

Devotees of the style now include Chris Boardman who, according to the British national coach, Doug Dailey, was touchome. Britain's temple of ing world record pace while working out with the position on the United States to

The prospect of Obree, the world 4,000m pursuit champion, taking on Boardman, the 1994 champion, filled the 3,300seat stadium on the secood day of the championships, when the pursuit final takes

Then Ohree, who is working

Robin Nicholl on now one man nas changed the shape

of track racing Collinelli and the Frenchman Philippe Ermenault.

Meanwhile, Obree gained another convert in Lee Vertongen. The New Zealander had hroken two hicycles while racing in the United States and feared that his trip to the World Championships would be wasted. Then Obree offered to loan him the original world-heating hike he calls "Old Faithful", and Vertongen was back on track with per-

sonal bests in training. France's Olympic medallists, defends his kilometre time trial

Emenault and Marion Clignet, title on the opening night, anx-and the American Janie ious to wipe out the miserable Quigley have been won over by the position Obree devised after the world governing body, the Unioo Cycliste Inter-national, ontlawed his downhill

skier position as "dangerous." The word on the track is that the new position is "really fast". With all eight Olympic champions competing, ticket sales have gained momentum, with

two more days almost sold out. The first day offers three finals, and each of the five days has at least one final. It is the most important meeting since the track opened almost two years ago, and the event has 27 nations competing for 12 titles. Shane Kelly, of Australia,

MAN OF THE SEASON: Shaun McRae, for turning St Helens into winners.

PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR: Bradford beating Wigan with 12 men.

CLUB OF THE SEASON: Bradford Bulls, for showing that summer rugby can work.

GAME OF THE SEASON: St Helens' victory over London Broncos at The Valley.

memory of Atlanta, when he fluffed his start and lost a golden opportunity.

There are also two medal fights not for the faint-hearted. The former world champion Michael Huebner, of Germany, seeks to re-establish himself after losing ground to the Australian Gary Neiwand and the American Marty Nothstein in the keirin, an aggressive race which has a huge betting fol-

lowing in Japan.
The madison team race, named after Madison Square Garden where it was popular in the 1920s, has the Italians Marco Villa and Silvio Martinello chasing a second world crown to go with their Olympic title.

World Championships Timetable

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Saints' success cannot disguise a multitude of sins

■he first season of Super League is all over har the afterthought of the Premiership play-offs. How it has been depends almost entirely on where you look.

Reep the blinkers on and concentrate entirely on what has happened on the field of play and the situation does not look bad. Despite the misgivings of tradi-

tionalists about changes to the rhythm of a game which has, after all, been in a state of flux since 1895, there have been as many compelling games as ever and even more pace and athleticism on show.

That is not, for all the Super League propaganda, because they have moved the game to the summer and given it a new name, but it does have a lot to do with playing once a week. If there is one element of the revolution that must be preserved, whatever the future holds, that is it.

For the Super League scriptwriters, the season has worked out almost too well, Paris have survived, London have made the top four and. best of all, there has been a changing of the guard at the top, with St pleting the illusion of a fresh start.

It could hardly have been stagemanaged better. Saints deserve immense credit.

Under Shaun McRae they have added patience and consistency to their traditional flair. But, in their hearts, they know that Wigan have been hauled back to the pack as much by their financial crises as by St Helens. In any other season, Wigan would have reacted to their lack of depth by buying rather than hiving off their players to all and sundry, league and union. This time they were denied that option and their oldest rivals have cashed in. Part of Wigan's problem is their

falling gates, and the level of attendances this season has been the subject of even more debate than the standard of play. This is where a broader focus than oo the rectangle of grass presents a more disturbing When it comes to announced crowds, this season has been a

novel experience. After decades of thinking "there seems more here than that," I have spent this year thinking precisely the opposite. Some clubs seem to have given the attendance that comes into their heads, or what they think the market will stand. Some have had

Dave Hadfield looks back at the first season of the Super League, which produced plenty to cheer on the field but a lot to worry about off the pitch, where the outlook for many rugby league clubs is bleak

people laughing out loud. Figures have not so much been massaged as taken into the back room of the par-

lour for all the extras. Even taking the "official" figures as gospel, most clubs still show a decrease from the last full-scale winter season in 1994-5, with only St Helens, Bradford Bulls and the increases from a base of nil or close to nil recorded by Paris and London going significantly against the tide. It is equally wrong to claim, as some clubs are doing, that a previ-ously healthy situation has been

Dave Hadfield's verdict

MOST UNLOVED INNOVATION: Squad numbers.

MOST DOMINANT PLAYER: Bobbie Goulding (St Helens).

MOST IMPROVED TEAM: London Broncos,

were told, that the game was dying in winter, then it is still dying now That does not mean it is dead. It

was always going to be mooumentally difficult to persuade the public to adopt a whole new set of habits. It is one thing to accept the general proposition that watching games in the sun is preferable to doing the same in the sleet; quite another to choose to do so ahead of all the other options available on a summer's day. Certainly the idea that mum,

EKGGEST FALL FROM GRACE: Leeds' transformation from wealthy runners-up to broke relegation candidates.

ruined by summer rugby. But if the justification for the switch was, as we pool and come back in time for a pool and come back in time for a 6pm kick-off on a Sunday has

proved to be unsound. Evening matches have been a flop, except, of course, for Bradford, where the right combination of a successful, attractive team, an energetic marketing strategy and the space in which to stage a match as an event has produced a winning formula. Attempts to package the game

more attractively elsewhere have varied from the mediocre to the toecurlingly awful. Super League has

been a bonanza for third-rate looka-likes and sky-divers who miss the target.
And then, as ever, there is the bot-

tom line - the financial condition of the game. It is, in a word, dire. The drip-feed of money from the Murdoch coffers is not rescuing clubs from the curse of balance sheets that do not balance. There are some who will claim that it fails to compensate them for the loss of revenue from season tickets, advertis-

ing and match sponsorship that they have suffered this year. And that is without them even making a serious effort to meet the more expensive strictures of the League's "Framing the Future" document, with its standards for facilities and administration to which clubs are supposed to conform.

The higger clubs' solution to this, which they will prohably succeed in voting through at the next meeting of the Rugby League Council on 11 September, is to divide the cake up differently, with Super League clubs getting more of the News Limited money and First and Second Division clubs, assuming those divisions still exist in the same form next

That will be enough to drive a few good.

Bramleys and Yorks to the wall. If the cull was to be made on the basis of the scale of financial incompetence, however, it is some far hig-

ger names that deserve to die. The hig guns should beware, though The contract with News Limited that not all of them have bothered to read specifies that any club, however small, failing to make the start line for next season is sufficient reason for Murdoch to pull out of the deal, reclaiming that season's hand-out as he goes. Prescot, for instance, have only to threaten to call . in the receiver to bring the whole house of cards tumbling down.

There are other aspects of that contract, which have leaked out via Australia, that confirm all the worst fears over the extent of News Limited's control of the game. They can, despite all that has been said to the contrary, determine the games that the League can play, and where and when it can play them. The RFL cannot adopt any changes to its bylaws inconsistent with its News agreement."

Its hands are tied. Until such time as Murdoch pulls out it must do as it is told. It is not a happy wider pic-ture; thank God the rugby has been



Today's hidden personality

Though his size as a rugby union player may better suit the role of No 8, Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, has made the position of England's open-side flanker his own. Indeed, on his debut as a replacement for Tim Rodber against South Africa at Twickenham last November, he made more impact during the 15 minutes he was on the pitch than the rest of England's pack managed in the full game. Having learnt his trade at Ampleforth College, he has been capped at almost every level -Under-18, Colts, Under-21, Students, Emerging Players and England X.







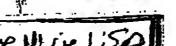






CLUB BY CLUB GUIDE TO THE COURAGE LEAGUE





the leader page

Blair must look to his deputy, not to Clinton

ou can't Clintonise British politics, said honest John Prescott in Chicago the other day. Not very polite to his hosts at the Democratic Party Convention; so he quickly added that if Clintonisation meant

winning elections, he was all for that. But that isn't what "Clintonise" means, of course: the question is whether Mr Prescott and colleagues are willing to see Labour become the right-wards-moving populist party that the US President is making the Democrats.

It is a fair bet that few Blairites understand the significance of Clinton's signing the Republicans' welfare reform Bill. Here is a measure which, among other things, takes a great hite out of the heart of the argument advanced in Mrs Clinton's sticky book about protecting children better. More importantly, by returning substantive social policy to the States, it will widen American inequality by miles. It will also win Clinton votes.

Anglo-American comparisons offer all sorts of pitfalls. Most British people think they know the United States, when - thanks to television - they know far more about the organisation of the New York police department than that of the House of Representatives. Cultural differences between the two countries mean that, for example, the "demon eyes" advertisement would be absolutely impossible in an America where Satan's powers are a literal daily elief for millions.

Cosying-up between presidents and prime ministers is a recent and superficial phenomenon. It is difficult to imagine Palmerston tapping his feet while Abe Lincoln played him a selection of pioneer favourities on the harmonium. The famed passion of Ronnie and Maggie led to little of political substance. stance. By contrast, Tony and Bill do have relative youth and a certain political style in common.

So lessons there are. What the President principally has to teach his younger Labour admirer is the art of survival. The past four years are, if nothing else, a tribute to Clinton's resilience. After the great early débacles, such as the failure of healthcare reform, he has been reborn. Whitewater still hangs heavy, some Republicans still hope that the special prosecutor will be their election saviour. But the lesson here from Clinton has to do with staffing. Get rid of duffers and embarrassments. The quality and experience of the inner circle is increasingly important in our quasi-presidential set-up. The top man vitally needs experience at his elbow, a crux role is that of chief of staff, which in British terms means someone an incoming prime minister can carry with him into Number 10 with the savvy to manage not only the official machine and the party, but also the prime min-

What Clinton has done since the Democrats' staggering losses in the

ister's weaknesses

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congressional elections two years ago amounts to resurrection. He has been helped, to be sure, by Republican overreach. Newt Gingrich, Republican Speaker, simply failed to deliver his radical anti-statist "contract with America". Clinton has opportunistically preyed on the fears of pensioners and other groups liable to vote Republican hut which suck on the teat of state support with Democratic vigour.
Clinton's course has been unmis-

takably rightward, as measured hy reduced social commitments and the promise of fiscal responsibility - the word "social" does not in the US

encompass crime and punishment, including the latest moves to criminalise aspects of tobacco sale and consumption. He had to live with a Republican House and Senate, to be sure, hut the cleverness of Clinton has been to dress up his repositioning in the clothes of family and children, which gives him a rhetorical lock on the future, despite the substantial reduction in child support in the latest welfare reform.

Analogies with Blair and Labour are limited by history. Labour has always been a statist party. Prior to the New Deal, the Democrats were the party of strictly limited and local government.

President Clinton, moreover, has ways of appealing to outcasts from the latter-upstage the Republicans. This is Lean of appealing to outcasts from the latterday Democratic Party. He comes from a southern state and, while sincere and courageous in his support for gun control, will probably during the election do some stunt reminiscent of his rushing back to Arkansas during the 1992 campaign to oversee the despatch of a condemned man. Tony Blair seems unlikely to win the British election by brandishing a length of hemp. So, Bill Clinton arrives in Chicago

today bearing - by implication - two thoughts for Blair's consideration. One is about ruthlessness - which cuts staff and policy commitments when they fail, regardless of loyalties or history. It is a lesson that Blair needs to learn.

The second lesson is that the attempt accepted as readily on the left as the right in Britain a decade ago - to define political identity in terms of attitudes towards the state and its powers is over. No useful purpose is served by trying to make consistent the essential incoherence of government here as well as there over the limits of state intervention - the Tories have indeed brilliantly succeeded in their confusion. Clinton reinforces this message. On the powers of government, he is supremely eclectic. His measures on tobacco, brutally interventionist as they are, will win party plaudits and electoral approval. They are Big Government in action. Meanwhile, he wows Wall Street with a

and Limited Government. All in all, this is not liberalism or collectivism; it is populism. The formula may work for the President this autumn. It cannot, however, be an option for Tony Blair, He should listen to his deputy's account of Chicago. You can't Clintonise British politics and Labour should not even try.

Pop goes our export revival?

There is a common, cheerful view of Britain's economic future which goes like this; once we were good at making things and exporting them. Then we slipped down the exporters league table. But now we are brilliant at services – including pop - and are becoming a suc-

cessful nation of exporters in a new way. One of our biggest new exports in this sense is Liam Gallacher of the worldbestriding group Oasis, And what does he do? He turns away from the plane at the last minute before their US tour and says some very uncomplimentary things about Americans. But a pop group without the main man sounds uncomfortably like the old jokes about British cars. Late delivery and insulting the customer? A reviving export economy. even for pop, can't be huilt like that.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

HARRODS

Prison terms fairer with the old system

Sir: As you pointed out in your leading article ("No more freedom for the Prison Service", 26 August) the latest difficulty faced by the Prison Service yet again illustrates the long running and fundamental. the long-running and fundamental problem about who is ultimately scountable to Parliament and the

It is wise to postpone blaming the Home Secretary for the immediate problem of whether prisoners have been released too early or too late. There is a case for method for calculating release

Justice Act 1967 speaks of the "sentence of imprisonment" being reduced by the time spent on remand. It is not clear whether this means the total sentence for all the offences or each individual sentence. However, the system for calculating the length of any sentence to be served was amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1991 and Section 51 of that Act provides that for the purposes of that Act consecutive terms ... shall be

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The contrary interpretation creates a nonsense and possibly an injustice. Suppose Bill Sykes and Raffles together commit two hurglaries and (admittedly less likely) are arrested. Sykes, because of his past record, is remanded in custody while Raffles is granted bail. After six months, both appear at the Old Bailey where they are sentenced to two years for each offence, the sentences to run

its present approach, Sykes will have two periods of 18 months left. to serve, making a total period in custody (assuming he does not receive remission) of three and a half years. Raffles, on the other hand, will spend four years in custody. The worse the record, the

shorter the period inside.
The Home Office hopes that prisoners will institute legal proceedings to enable the courts to give an authoritative decision. The opportunity could however be taken to seek a judicial review. If both the Prison Service and the Home Secretary were made Melefendants the High Court could perform a great public service by resolving the fundamental issue: which of the two is responsible? JOHN MITCHELL Family Law Chambers,

breach of trust

Sir: In the light of the video Everyday Operations ("NHS blocks sale of graphic surgery video", 26 August), I write as the chairman of the Institute of Medical Illustrators, the professional body for the medical photographers and artists who make clinical recordings, to express my members' deep concern that any hospital could allow the release of confidential records for the production of home-entertainment

Patients place their trust in their medical practitioners and submit to clinical recordings on the understanding that such visual records are useful to their

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How to 'unblock' hospital beds

Sir: Lynn Eaton is right to highlight the number of "bed hlockers" in East Surrey ("How do I get out of here?", 20 August). At East Surrey we have a significant number of partients who are locked in our registered with the National Board code of practice which insists that patients who are lodged in our hospitals, sometimes for months. while they wait for a social services funding decision prior to discharge to nursing home care. In the opinion of our consultants, they are required and how it will be used. If unable to benefit further from hospital treatment and as your the recording is subsequently required for something other than its original purpose, iresh consent article points out they are blocking beds needed for emergency admissions of elderly patients via our accident and emergency department. These lodged patients are, in effect, social services While I am given to understand that no faces or identifying features

nevertheless a grave cause for concern that such a flagrant breach of patient confidentiality can occur. DAPHNE LYTTON In response to the Government's recent consultation paper 1 have proposed a possible solution. That is to allow in law social services to Chairman Institute of Medical Illustrators purchase placements from NHS community hospitals and be able to London SW7 apply the same set of rules as if the Sir. I hope that patients appearing chents were being funded for in the Everyday Operations video

clients.

nursing home care.

Redhill, Surrey

are not going to demand royalties. We believe that by sharing our Haven't they already had their cut? community hospital overhead costs JOANNA RÍMMER we could offer social services a 10 per cent discount on the current Newcastle upon Tyne standard nursing home placement costs. This will enable social services' hudgets to stretch further The hole story and help support our community Sir. There is no mystery about where the holes in Polo mints go to hospitals. SRDOWSETT "Polo not the only mint with the Chief Executive
East Surrey Healthcare NHS Trust hole", 23 August). As generations of dentists will attest, they reappear

Labour rift is just not there

Sir: Anthony Bevins sees the recent publication of candidates' manifestos for election to Labour's NEC as evidence for "an embarrassing display of Labour's continuing left-right divide" ("Labour battle plan reveals internal rift", 26 August). There is nothing at all

remarkable about the statements of the six candidates standing on the slate of the Socialist Campaign Group: their views are well known and, whilst I as a Labour Party member will not be voting for them, it would not surprise me if one or two of them are elected. since they do reflect a small but significant minority of opinion within the party.

What is more baffling is Mr Bevins's singling out of comments by Shadow Cahinet members as evidence for an "internal rift". In what sense is Gordon Brown departing from the leadership view by calling for "unifying socialist values" (it was, after all, Tony Blair who introduced the word "socialist" to the party's statement

of aims and values)? What is unusual in Robin Cook's pledge "to help most those whom the Tories have hurt worst" (surely the electorate would expect nothing less from a Labour Government) or in David Bhinkett's promise to "eliminate the backlog of repairs and maintenance in our schools" (a promise contained in The Road to the Manifesto)? Anthony Bevins's

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analysis depends upon the false premise that new Labour's platform is based upon the

abandonment of Labour's socialist

Nothing could be further from the truth: new Labour is, as John Prescott has said on several occasions, about "tradicional [socialist] values in a modern Dr MARK PATTON

Plain speaking for Cornwall

Sir: Steven Wootton ("Celtic revival makes itself heard far and wide", 26 August) refers to the 'Celtic dialect, Kernow". The term "Celtic" has historically been used as an

applies to that which is European, non-English and "other". Kernow is in fact the name for the geographic region the English call "Cornwall", which means "land of Cornish foreigners" in Old

imprecise catch-all that vaguely

English.
There are in fact at least three different revived "Cornish" languages including Unified-Cornish, Phenemic-Cornish and Traditional-Cornish.

Cornish is better referred to as 'Karnewek", "Kernewek" or "Curnoak". But if you're writing in English, why not just say "Cornish"? NIGEL AYERS. Lostwithiel

Oz-stounding

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Sir: I was very impressed to read that Jeremy Warner (Business comment, 24 August) has personally tasted no fewer than 114 different hrands of Australian beer, and come to the conclusion that they all taste the same.

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Sir: In my idealistic youth when I

thought that the BBC was slightly

remember contributing to a fund to

independent television.

Forty years on I find that I rarely

look at television, and then mostly

Panorama programme if it is dealing with a subject that interests

There must be many people who

at the late evening ITN news. One

or twice a year I may watch a

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interviewed - in either case I am

only use their television sets to

programmes other than those

produced by the BBC. They, like

me, must be irritated by having to

pay for televisinn licences. Rather

("Birt sounds alarm bells over future of the BBC", 24 August) we

would like to see it abolished and

the introduction of advertising on

the BBC or of "pay as you view".

than increasing the licence fee

This must be a record, even for a nurnalist. PATRICIA POOLEY London ECI

William Morris sadly neglected

Sir: Last week I attended a five-day study course organised by Birmingham University on William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement. I was sadly dismayed on my party's visit to Kelmscott churchyard to see the dilapidation of the great Victorian's memorial.

William Morris' request was for simplicity. Philip Webb, his friend. designed a very low slah (with inscription) elevated on a stone at each end, with a bay tree placed at one end. However, with the passing of time the slab is weatherworn. and there are very large yellowgreen moss pockmarks all over it; a rough earth ditch is gullied all visitors walking here; the bay tree has been allowed to grow into a huge, thick hush, which hides the grave from view; part nf its base overhangs one and.

There is a notice in the small church that William Morris's hurial place is in the churchyard hut if the church is closed there is no indication where it is positioned, under trees on the perimeter of the churchyard.

Exploitation of this William Morris centenary year has certainly occurred in connection with commercial sales throughout the summer months. Cannot someone or some organisation come forward and undertake a craft renovation of his simple burial place? DOROTHY BILTCLIFFE Broadway, Worrestershire

The tale of a trapped mouse

Sir; Mention of the Roach Hotel (Magazine, 24 August) reminds me of an incident involving the very similar (and cutely mmed) Hoy Hoy Trap-a-Roach, a folding contraption with an insecticide impregnated sticky floor baited

with a sachet of chocolate powder.

At a certain NHS hospital in the Midlands, these were routinely laid out in the roach-infested kitchen of the postgraduate centre. One of the female staff was collecting the full traps for disposal one morning when one unusually heavy-seeming trap proved to contain a terrified mouse. Unwilling to kill the creature, another of the ladies carefully cut around it with a pair of scissors and let it go - the sight of it clattering away with four cardboard boots and a very stiff tail will remain with me for ever. DAVID ROGERS Oucen's Hospital, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire

Royal betrayal

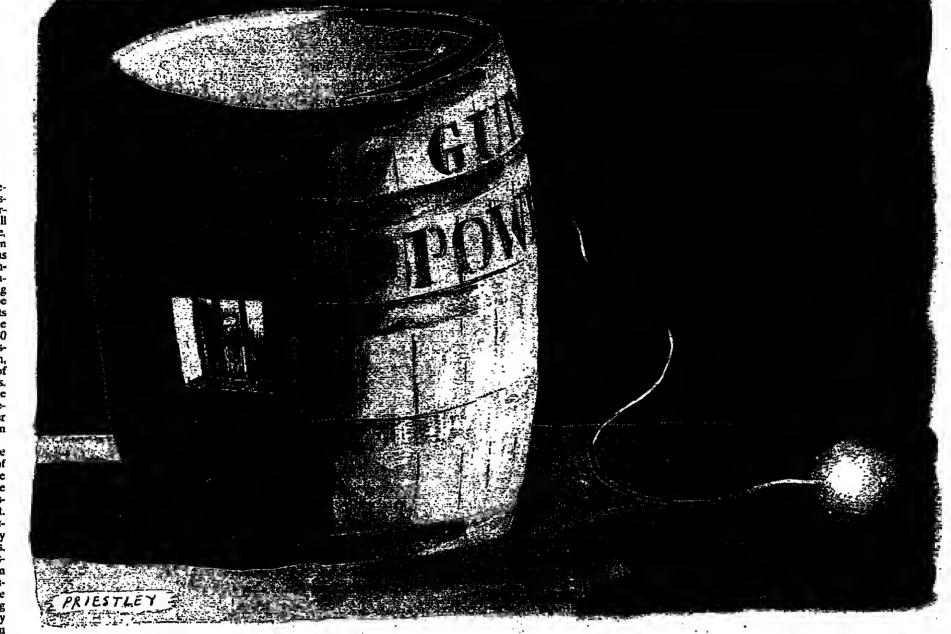
Sir: As the last dismal chapter in the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales is played out, I am puzzled by an inconsistency in our treatment of adulterous public figures.

As several Tory ministers have discovered to their cost in recent years, we British seem to be very attached to the view that the private hetraval of one's spouse and family indicates that a person cannot be trusted with public office. This isn't a view that is widespread abroad - for example, my Spanish friends find it totally incomprehensible – hut it is common to many in this country, So why don't we apply it to members of the Royal Family? SIMON DAY

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Howard's prison time-bomb

The fiasco over early releases has thrown a new source of instability into a system already groaning under an inept regime. Change course now, or face an explosion of violence, says Polly Toynbee



phoned the Prismers Advice Serice yesterday full of ecstatic glee. sounding as if he had just won the lottery jackpot. He was tences and he had just calculated that instead of being released in 2005 he should be out next year, if the courts uphold the interpretation of the law that has already sprung 80 surprised and delighted prisoners. "He was in heaven, absolute heaven." said one of the prisoners' rights workers. "How is he going to feel if the courts decide the old interpretation of the law is correct after all? There is going to be an explosion in the prisons."

Everywhere there are dire

warnings of an outburst of prison riots, whichever way the courts decide to interpret the 1967 Criminal Justice Act. Prisons have been put on alert. Mark Leech, author of the Prisoners' Handbook published by the Oxford University Press. and a former long-serving prisoner, said he had more than 100 calls vesterday from prisoners hoping for early release and ex-prisoners calculating how much compensation they might be due. "One man was in a next-door cell to one of the 80 suddenly let out last week. It wasn't fair, he said, that some should get out because they just squeezed through the door in time. They are fuming. I'm afraid that this will go off all round the country.

The full scale of the chaos and potential calamity is heginning to hit everyone associated with prisons. How on earth assessment of the effect it lions or zillions of pounds could would have? The new inter- it cost? Who can tell? pretation allows time on have been let out early another 4,000 might follow,

due compensation is currently entirely impossible to quantify. The top rate for wrongful imprisonment is £95 a day. Anyone in the past six years who served longer than they should have could claim, some for considerable periods of time. Many who suffered any kind of damage while wrong-fully imprisoned could make could it have happened that the backdated claims over the past law was quietly reinterpreted by 30 years. How many people? Home Office lawyers, with no No one knows. How many mil-

The absurdity of what has remand to be deducted from happened defies any rational each concurrent sentence, not understanding. One prisoner just from one. Some prisoners who had served seven years described how it happened to him: he was in the prison workand beyond that the number shop when officers came in

and called him back to his cell, told him to pack up his possessions, took him in front of the governor and put him out of the front gate, all within 20 minutes. He thought he had another year to serve. When he arrived in London, the proba-tion service, unprepared, had nowhere to send him and nothing to offer.

Mark Leech describes how hard it is to leave prison after years inside. "The pre-release courses run by the prison probation officers really make a difference. They tell you how to claim benefit. They tell you what has changed out there, help find you a hostel, maybe a job or at least a training course. and the probation officers outside are waiting for you."

On release a prisoner who has been inside for a year or more gets about £92 cash and a travel warrant to anywhere In normal times, each prisoner gets a tailor made three piece Howard to resign.
suit - the tailor coming in to Who is to hlame for all this?
measure him up, with material On the surface, Tilt's decision

on amid speculation about the sulphurous smoke hillowing out from beneath the door. But few expect Tilt to be fired and none, of course, expects

In some prisons it would only take a spark. I am increasingly afraid.' Is this that spark?

a pair of jeans, working boots, shoes, slippers, an overcoat, gym shorts and vest, toiletries and a holdall. The shock of sudden unprepared ejection can be The sound of raucous

chortling from many within the Prison Service and the Home Office has given way to sheer incredulity at the scale of the incompetence. All lay the hlame squarely at Michael Howard's door. Not the particular hlame for this particular hungle. But, many say, such a bizarre disaster could only have happened in the climate of fear and confusion over the line of command over which Howard

Yesterday's meeting between

chosen by the prisoner. He gets to go off on holiday to Italy two pairs of pyjamas, two shirts, leaving only an unremarkable memo on the Home Secretary's desk, which completely failed to flag up the operational and political dynamite of the situation, makes him culpable

Tilt has to explain why he

consulted only relatively hum-

hie Home Office lawyers on a reinterpretation of the law that would have such devastating effects. Why did he not ponder and take senior legal opinion and, above all, why not discuss it with the Home Secretary? How could he think that releasing an unknown number of possibly serious offenders as much as nine years early, without warning or preparation, would mean anything but catastrophic headlines - with perhaps worse consequences? The prisons, Richard Tilt, dragged first crime committed by one of

these 80 released prisoners can this, says: "A hell of a lot of be guaranteed a trumpeting in the tabloids.

But Richard Tilt is not a naive outsider like his unfortunate predecessor, Derek Lewis. He is a sober long-serving civil servant with a thorough prison service grounding. What insiders say is that it happened because the command structure in the prison service has been so shot to pieces by Michael understanding the system, the Howard that no one knows any longer what buck stops where, if anywhere. They are so dispirited, demoralised and intimidated by petty interference, coupled with sheer irresponsibility by ministers, that they have become fatally disoriented. It does not help that Howard and his prisons minister, Ann Widdecombe, are barely on speaking terms.

No doubt calls for Howard's resignation will be wasted breath. But his law-and-order mantra will have been lethally damaged. He can no longer, for instance, say "prison works" without a lot of sniggering up sleeves. He can no longer with a straight face accuse Labour of planning to release serious offenders.

But what should he done? First of all, the disastrous split hetween Home Office and Prison Service needs to be abandoned.

Jack Straw, the Shadow

less exercise and fewer television sets, while regimes are tougher and security tighter.
"In some prisons it would only take a spark. I am increasingly afraid," one prison governor said the other day. Is this that spark? Raising some prisoners' hopes of release only to dash them again could prove dangerously explosive.

There is a lot of schaden-freude around. The collapse of Michael Howard's prison works policy in a blaze of flame would please many. But riots kill and maim, as well as wasting millions of pounds that could be better spent than on rebuilding jails. Wiping the smile off Howard's face would come at too high a price, whatever the satisfaction for those who could say, "I told you so".

The moment we stop to con-

sider money in the criminal justice system, the figures are frightening. Every year we spend £10bn on the whole panoply of prisons, police, courts and probation. What do we get for our money? Eighteen million crimes are committed in England and Wales but fewer than half are ever reported to the police, and fewer than 5 per cent are officially "cleared up". Only 3 per-cent result in the offender being cautioned or convicted.

While every other department is subjected to rigorous value-for-money scrutiny, the criminal justice system seems to be virtually exempt. Mr Howard can boast that he has increased the prison population by 25 per cent, with another 30 per cent increase predicted when his new sentencing policy comes in. Yet every piece of evidence suggests that prison works very little for the vast amount it costs - £2,000 a mouth per prisoner.

The Home Office's own research department is brimming with figures that show what works best per pound spent - all of it ignored by the present regime. Sir Stephen Tumim has said time and again Turnim has said time and up.
that many of those in prison can
that many of those in prison can be turned away from crime if only they are given the education and treatment they need. From Britain and the US come plentiful examples of intensive treatment for criminals in the community that work - and cost far less than prison.

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It took the murderous Strangeways riot to hring radical reforms last time, with Lord Justice Woolf's powerful indictment of how the prisons were run. It should not require another lethal dose of mayhem and destruction for the policy to be changed again. The Government needs to turn away from a policy that is the despair of all who work in prisons.

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Sell the Fringe? What a ... good idea

don't know why I never thought of it before. What L to do with the Edinburgh Fringe, I mean, this rampaging monster which terrorises central Edinburgh every summer. And the answer was there, under my nose, the whole time. And it wasn't even me who thought of it! It was a hloke I met at the Pleasance that I got chatting to. Some-body near me said, "What are they going to do with the Fringe?" and this fellow said, "Sell it".

Nobody heard him except me.
"How do you mean, sell it?" I said.

"Exactly what I said," he concern." "You couldn't," I said.

"That's ridiculous. There's no way you could buy and sell the geneous hundle of hundreds of little concerns. It's not a thing. It's like a market. It's like a souk."

"Like Covent Garden market used to he?" he said. "Look at that now. Changed out of all recognition. Some-

body must have made a mint."
"Yes, but the Fringe is an artistic market. You can't buy and sell an art market!" "How much do you know

about husiness?" he said. I hate it when people ask me questions like that. The humiliation is only passing, hnt it's real enough.
"Nothing much," I admitted.

If you knew anything about husiness, you would spot instantly that the Edinburgh Fringe is capitalism at its most naked. It's as if hundreds of companies all floated their shares at the same time. They come to Edinburgh, go in hock to get a venue, scrabble desperately for audiences in three weeks, and then go home having made a whacking profit, or, most likely, nursing a debt they'll spend the next year

paying off.
"Of course, taken as a whole it's a great success story. Wonderful prestige, wonderful image. It's only when you look close that you see the wobbles. The Fringe is short-termism in an extreme form. It's sharks against sharks. It's sink or



Miles Kington

City would shudder at the way cut-throat husiness is conducted on the Fringe."

"No, it's not like that," I said. "It's comedy and plays and ballet and mime and folk song and ..."
"Cobblers," he said. "That's

the product, yes, but the methods are something else. The method of the Fringe is all hustling and hagging and hyp-ing and tearing down other people's posters and manufacturing fake publicity and pretending to be sorry when someone else has a small house, but because the veneer is all arty smarty everyone fails to notice the jungle conditions. Perrier already makes swim. I tell you, people in the hig money out of other

people's efforts. So do comedy companies like Avalon. Imag-ine the money to be made by actually buying the whole Fringe."
"So you would sell the

chickens are coming home to

roost. You can put out to agen-

cies operations such as driving

licences or passports, where

the line between policy and

operation is simple. But with

prisons there is a huge area of

discretion involved from day to

day. Ministers are now divorced

from day-to-day management

and yet they interfere without

worst of both worlds. The pris-

ons minister should chair a

prisons board, listening to day-

to-day decision-making but

only intervening where it seems

now? It is time for a far-

reaching examination of the

role of prison. Mr Howard has

placed the service under intol-

erable strain. This extraordi-

nary error is a symptom of a

system that is near collapse

and no longer knows what it is

For months now, as the

prison population has soared,

there have been warnings that

jails are becoming unstable.

Education, therapy, drink and

drugs programmes and schemes to make criminals con-

front their crimes have all been

savagely cut. Three hundred

prison teachers have heen

sacked. Some prisons have lost 80 per cent of their education

programmes. Prisoners are locked away for longer, with

What else should be done

Fringe, would you?"
"It's oot exactly mine to sell. All I am saying is that the Fringe reminds me very strongly of one of those companies that are due for takeover, or for privatisation, or for something like that. It's got a huge turnover and it's got a hage reputation, but large parts of it are unprofitable and it's just crying out for asset-stripping and relocation

"Relocation?" "I can think of many cities that would love to have a slice of the action."

"Hold on! You can't move the Fringe!" They move the Olympic Games around."

But Edinburgh is the home of the Fringel" "Athens is the home of the Olympic Games. It is not, however, held in Athens. Money speaks too loud for "Edinburgh would never let

it go."
"Don't you believe it. There are plenty of people here who would love to see the back of it. The official festival for one, which hates the success of the Pringe. The inhabitants, for another. Edinburgh becomes impossible every August. Wouldn't they jump at the chance to get their city back for a whole month?"

"Would you buy it?" I said. "If I had the money. Like a

"Does it need buying?" "Does an old rambing mansion need restoration? Did British Airways need privatisation? Was water and gas

ripe for it?"
"Who are you?" I said curiously.

"Oh, a sort of financial adviser," he said.
"Who to?"

"Wonldn't you like to know?" he said, and disap-peared towards the bar. He never came back.

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To the world, she's a villain; to me, she's fun

Hillary Clinton has been vilified for five years - so far. Why? Maybe we just can't cope with complex women

ast night Hillary Rodham Clinton Ms Clinton done that is so awful? She has made a speech to the Democratic Convention in Chicago, in support of her husband's nomination for the US pres-idency. Not, as it happens, that he needs support; his nomination is assured; instead, her speech has been described as a "rehahilitation" exercise.

From what does she need rehabilitating? From what does she need rehabilitating?
From a five-year campaign of unparalleled vilification: not just from the Republican opposition, but from pundits, journalists and gossip-mongers worldwide. For just about everything.

First, she was a dour intellectual femi-

nist; then she was a manipulative, power-hungry woman driving a charming but weak man towards the White House; then she was a vain woman willing to remake her-self to fit media images (and even pretend she could cook chocolate chip cookies!); then she was a political failure whose health plan was an obvious disaster, then she was probably a criminal - or at least a sharp operator, called as a witness at seedy financial trials; now, more often, she is sidelined - a neurotic, paranoid nutcase sacking staff and holding seances - at best a liability and at worst a danger.

It's very strange, really. What exactly has

worked hard, stood by her man, and struggled to find a public image acceptable to hoth herself and the world, but ...

Tiresomely for her, Hillary Chinton is, perhaps above all, very intelligent: quite simply, mass marketing hates clever women unless they confine themselves to universities and eccentricities. They are means to "pay" for being brain; by being both ugly and emotionally unfulfilled.

She is serious - when she speaks or writes about the things she cares about, such as families, she does not attempt to trigger traditionalists' terrors, but to look at what children need to flourish. Her book, It Takes a Village (to raise a child), really does try to negotiate a new relationship between community and individuals within a complex society. Instantly, she has made herself a hostage to fortune, once again. Boh Dole, the Republican challenger, has taken up the title, responding: "It takes a family to raise a child," adding that her book is really a justification of big-gov-crument socialism. But the social condition of children is a serious issue in the United States, and even in the political cauldron of an election year she takes it seriously.



have been successful, though God knows what healthcare plan would have been, but her education programme in Arkansas and her child advocacy work have been

accepted as innovative and practical. Ms Clintnn is not just clever, thoughtful and effective; she is also a feminist, a wife, a political activist, a mother and a career lawyer. The real fact is that we have not yet learnt to deal with complex women. Recent studies have shown that all women politicians get less favourable media coverage than their male counterparts. In some ways it is even harder for Hillary Clinton. because she is not only a political figure but also the wife of a head of state, who must harmonise her views with his agenda.

One of her problems is unquestionably her age. She is too young to be "momma

of the nation" and not young enough to be the sweetheart of the nation, as Princess Diana says she wants to be. The media circus into which she is inevitably thrust would probably be delighted with cither stereotype, but it does not seem to be able to cope with anything more subtle. There are quite a number of acceptable roles for women - suffering mother, beautiful queen, virtuous lady, for example - but if you are a woman with high visibility who cannot easily be slotted into any of those niches, you will be villainised; witch, bitch, hysteric, or

There is something personal in this defence: I like Hillary Clinton. She is fun, (something never mentioned, perhaps she can't he any more, which would be sad). I stayed with her once in Arkansas, during the years that the now President was out of office. Despite her hectic schedule, we enjoyed long late-night conversations. 1 remember one, a mixture of hilarity and real interest, on the relationship of religion to morality and civic life. She dredged out nf her address book valuable contacts for my research on Christian feminism in the US, and rang her friends to find more. She was easy to be with, thoughtful, interesting and support with the distribution of the control of the c

Even if I had never met her, I think I would still he a grateful fan. Women like me need a few more women like her; highprofile women who can managed the jug-gling trick - careers, children, a partnership, and a truly chic pink suit at the Peking Women's Conference. Women who want to be good and clever.

I hope the Democratic Convention del-

egates, more than half of whom are women and 40 per cent of whom define themselves as "liberal", recognise how much they, and contemporary winner more widely, owe to Hillary Clinton. The risky and obviously painful course she has been made to run has helped us. The media attack on her has shown us how far we still have to go to achieve anything resembling equality in representation. If the convention expresses the real enthusiasm that the Republicans generated for Elizabeth Dole - another career wife, after all - they will be cheering for themselves and their daughters, for some sort nf optimism in the possibility nf women being allowed some public space withnut

She is effective. The health plan may not and supportive. Let's give Harold one in the eye

Robert Winder says it is time to put the telling of traditional British history behind us

t hasn't heen a good week for education. No one seems to know what to make of the booming GCSE results, except to note that the examining boards are handing out more A grades than they used to. And there isn't really a way to make the dispiriting results of the new assessment of 11year-olds (which revealed a shaming rump of almost-teenagers unable to read or add) seem pretty, which is wby people are left arguing that the lests were a bad idea in the first place. And now comes a Gallup survey, which purports to prove that young people are illilerate airheads who don't even know "basic" facts such as the date of the Battle of Hastings.

reached is a mystery. As it happens, the poll indicated that 62 per cent of people knew the answer, an impressive figure. If you take out serial murderers, child abusers and invenile delinquents, all of whom have other things on their minds, it is practically the whole population. But mevitably the findings are provoking a discussion about what exactly we should know as paid-up members of society.

It is a nice irony that the argument should revolve around 1066 and all that. When Sellars and Yeatman constructed their mischievous pastiche of old-fashioned, jingoistic history-teaching they were out to mock. Can it really be that we are now eager to promote the very thing they parodied - the rou-tine inculcation of a dogged set of names and dates, with clear Made-in-Britain tags for the short-sighted?

The story of the nation, the basic operating software of citizenship in the old days, was essentially the story of British pluck. Boadicea, Alfred the Cake, King Harold, Drake's Drum, Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, Winston Churchill and Mrs Thatcher were all redoubtable freedom-lovers refusing to kowtow to barbarous foreign hordes - except for Harold, who took one in the eye from the French. haps it could all be inscribed onto our and gave hirth to the cult of the super-dooper ID cards, with our score

valiant loser. Anyone who objects to this is swiftly presented as unpatriotic. And it is indeed problematic when the consensus about what we need to know breaks down: it means there is no common material for people to chew over.

In former times, it was compulsory to know Latin, Greek and the Bible, an extremely narrow curriculum that somehow managed to give students a skeleton key into Western art, music, literature and political theory. The 20th century has, quite properly, rebelled against the limitations of a small and lordly canon of knowledge and ideas, but at some cost. These days the mass media provide the consensus. America, this summer, has been united not Quite how this conclusion was by anything it learned in school, but by a triumph over an alien blitzkrieg. (Independence Day) and Michael Johnson winning the 200 metres.

But is this the national story we truly wish to tell ourselves these days? Shouldn't these bravehearts be sup-planted, or at least supplemented, by non-warrior heroes such as Wilberforce, Pankhurst, Stephenson and Baird, the people who gave us the abolition of slavery, women's emancipation, trains and televisions?

Why, in any case, should we - a mercantile, exploring, seafaring nation that once ruled the waves - even bother to emphasise the domestic aspects of our island story. The trou-hle is, a serious list of things a modern Brit should bump into at school would swiftly become unwieldy.

It would have to include Stalin, Hitler and the Holocaust, women's liberation, Einstein, the industrial revolution, Shakespeare, Mozart, Homer, Greece 'n' Rome, the rise and rise of sport, the history of television, and the Irish potato famine. And then, after our milk and bun, we'd have to do Luther. Sophocies, the European discovery of America, Freud, the First World War, the history of oil, Darwin and the slave trade. It's a lot to learn, sure - per-



1996 and all that; an impressive 82 per cent of children actually knew the date of the Battle of Hastings

Maybe that's impractical. In truth, it is not even desirable. We need foxes, who know many things and are good at puh quizzes; but we also need hedgehogs, who know only one big thing. What is undoubtedly true - the reason why those test results for 11year-olds are so dismaying - is that without the so-called three r's - reading, riting and rithmetic - we have

access to none of these. Perhaps the true lesson of history is that it is best forgotten anyway. It might not be a coincidence that the surge of

enthusiasm for traditional history teaching comes at a time of vexed national pride, at a time when we no longer win gold medals. Perhaps it is true what mother always said, that what we don't know can't hurt us. History after all is the nightmare from which we are trying to awaken - maybe it is time to try aversion therapy. It is possible to know the dates of all the key battles and still forget your child's hirthday.

The great argument for learning history, however distorted and glancing our view of it, is that we learn from it. What if it is time to revise this notion

altogether? On the radio yesterday morning, Trevor McDonald could be heard smoothly reading CLR James's view from beyond the boundary, to the effect that the ideal education was Greek: sport and poetry with some literary cricketism thrown in. There are not many recorded instances of people learning from the past. Indeed it is possible that the less we know about the past, the less likely we are to repeat it. History recurs, to cruel and dismal effect, in Ircland, in Bosnia, in Kashmir. The old yokes are

Coffee and tea, and a lah-tay and me

Ann Treneman discovers capitalism on caffeine

mericans love a good drug but things aren't what they used to be. The Mariboro pester man died of cancer and no one can save nicotine now. Work hours have increased and alcohol appetites decreased. On the West Coast they only drink microbrews and the only smoke you won't be arrested for is a cigar. But everyone does coffee and we are not talking the lukewarm brown water variety. America has a new coffee culture but

it is one that Jack Kerouae (luminary of the last great caffeinated craze wouldn't recognise. Something called latte (that's lah-tay) is everywhere. It may sound like a Paul Simon album but is a sort of bustardised, made-in-the-USA cappuccino. The entire country is slurping it in insulated drinking mugs. Everywhere you look there is a Java drive thru or a coffee cottage kiosk.

Cappuccino is so common that it is actually spelled correctly and if your coffee is getting cold, it's probably a Frappuccinn. People really do ask about Yergacheffe beans (that's Ethiopian to you and me) and whether the froth on that latte can be low fat. All of this because Howard Schwartz

went to Italy and had a vision. "It gave me the chills," he told Spirit magazine. "I felt the romance of it all. Then I started walking through one coffee bar after another." Suddenly, he saw an America with a coffee bar on every corner. The diner was dead, the tavem too tacky. Americans needed a "third place" - after home and work - to meet and make a community. That place would be his coffee har.

In 1989, he lost a million; in 1990, more than that. But the next year sales for his company, Starbucks, shot up 84 per cent and the word exponential does not dn justice tn subsequent growth. In fact, the company, started by three English Lit students - Starbuck was chief mate in Moby Dick with a single Seattle store is now almost too successful. They don't call it Howard's Trend for nothing.

Americans like to refer to the 'alpha predator" and, in coffee land. Starbucks is it. Capitalism nn caffeinc is a little crazy. Starbucks calls itself an "experience" and its staff are "partners" (all 17,000 have stock options) Those behind the counter have to train for 25 hours to become a "barista". It has a coffee cookbook, its Seven Pillars of Coffee Brewing Wisdom, a cat-alogue, a toll-free number and a CD jazz compilation. On Valentine's Day, lovers exchange Starbucks stock.

This summer, the company went international: today Tokyo, tomorrow Singapore. "Just wait until we come to Britain," grinned a barista in Seattle. "We've 900 stores now and the goal is 2,000 by the year 2000." The company says it will be looking at Europe, but it doesn't know when.

It all seems rather addictive. If Marlboro Man were alive, he'd be Bridgeman Art Library | drinking latte, that's for sure.

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pera is primarily an experience of the heart, not the head. Thus a first rule to understanding this seductive, 400year-old Italian invention is to accept that you will always love more than you know. Even advanced scholars often have State of the state a shockingly vague grasp of their subject when it comes to explaining the plot or remembering who sang the title role. For in combining music, words and drama, opera (lit. Italian "work", deriving from Latin opus) has more terms of cultural reference than any other art form. Wagner, the 19thcentury German Titan among opera composers, called it a Gesamtkunstwerk (unified work of art), of which his four part Ring of the Nibelung is a

supreme example.

All this matters not a fig if your prime desire is to delight in the human voice at its most thrilling and expressive. If, however, you are serious about learning, you must sacrifice every hour and penny lo performances, CDs, scores, texts, books on stagecraft, set design, architecture, history. religion and politics. You should also hrush up your Italian, German, Russian, Czech, French. English counts for little, except in Purcell's Dido and Aeneas (1689) or Britten's Peter Grimes (1945), as most operas are now performed in

their original language. Whichever the case, you'll prohably only catch the odd syllable anyway, as sung words are notoriously hard to hear. This may be why so few great writers have written librettos (lit. little books), though many composers established important partnerships with their librettists. Mozart and Da Ponte are the finest example. For most, an encounter with

opera usually starts with music by one of the great 19thcentury Italian composers, notably Verdi or Puccini. Yet the father of the form was working nearly three centuries earlier. Until his death in 1643, Claudio Monteverdi experimented with opera as far as his job running the music at SI Mark's, Venice, allowed. His La favola d'Orfeo, which movingly retells the story of Orpheus and Euridice, is the earliest opera still regularly performed today, 1607, the date of Orfeo's first performance at the Gonzagas Court in Mannia, is the only impor-

tant date in operatic history. Compared with what was to follow, opera in renaissance Italy was an intimate and formal court entertainment, sung by light-voiced singers with a mere handful of players to accompany them. The great crowd-pulling masterpieces, all blood-red emotion and grand spectacle, only came



Opera VISITING LECTURER: Fiona Maddocks

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about later, in purpose-huilt opera houses. There, public of all classes came and promenaded, ate, talked, read their librettos and formed illicit liaisons, while still managing to respond to the key dramatic moments as the composer intended. Under the guise of greater audience seriousness. opera-going is much the same

After Monteverdi, opera spread rapidly throughout Europe, each new composer pushing for greater dramatic expression. Essential names are Lully, Rameau, Handel and Gluck, culminating in Mozart at the end of the 18th century. For many, Mozart remains the ideal opera composer, with music and emotion held in perfect balance before it all went over the top.

After Mozart, the taste was for more hrilliant vocal writing, bigger orchestras and grand crowd scenes: in Italy Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti, Verdi and Puccini; Bizet and Meverbeer in France, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky in Russia, Wagner and Richard Strauss in Germany. Berg, Stravinsky and Britten hring us, for current purposes, more or less up to the present day.

Singers, despite their intrinsic importance to opera, can only be touched on here. From high to low, each singer is categorised according to vocal

tenor or bass. You will also hear of mezzo-sopranos. Heldentenor (Ger. heroic tenor), haritone, countertenor, Coloratura. Those students classified as opera buffs usually make the voice their special subject. Do not embark on this course unless you have a collector's mentality, a memory for names, faces and voice colours, and a taste for the temporal. Concentrate instead on stengthening your know-ledge of the works themselves.

With contemporary pro-duction, a whole new set of arguments apply. Here you plunge headlong into a melce of hot conviction and cold confusion. You will hear the phrase "producer's [sometimes called director's opera tossed about. This refers to the trend dominant in the past 15 years, for an opera performance to be judged first and foremost on its production standards and ingenuity. Hence Zeffirelli's Tosca, Richard Jones's Ring. As with singers, never forget that it was the composer who wrote the

The old-fashioned view remains that of putting the music above all else. On this firm structure can all knowledge of opera be built. Unlike singers, conductors or producers, the music never dies. Tomorrow: Ballet

"Britain is somewhat of a fallen idol" The Times Correspondent in Bonn, 9th August 1963

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General Alejandro Lanusse

Like many Argentine soldiers of his generation, General Alejandro Lanusse spent more time fighting and conspiring in the political arena than on any battlefield. Lanusse liked to be known as the man who brought democracy back to Argentina at the start of the 1970s; many Argentines remained unconvinced of his democratic credentials.

Born into an upper middle class family in the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires, the young Alejandro Lanusse followed the traditional Argentine career path: military college, and then at the age of 20, enrolment in the cavalry, considered the most patrician hranch of the army.

Lanusse was deeply suspi-cious of Colonel Juan Domingo Perón, who was part of the revolutionary army group which took power in 1942, but used his power in 1966. By 1968,

position to launch his own po-litical movement. In 1951, the young Captain Lanusse took part in a failed attempt to oust Perón, by then president, from power. He was punished with a life term in fail, but only served four years of his sentence, until Perón was deposed in the 1955 military takeover. As a reward for his anti-Perónism. Lanusse was not only released from prison, but promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. By 1960, he was Chief of Staff

of the Third Cavalry Division. Through the next decade. Lanusse was a key figure in the often lumultuous world of the military politicians, who were attempting to rule Argentina while excluding the Peronists. He hecame part of the army high command, and supported the faction led by General Juan

Lanusse was Commander- lowed Perón to recover the in-Chief of the army, and then rank of General. But when he in March 1971 emerged from his position as kingmaker to take over the presidency.

These years saw increasing protests by the still-hanned Peronist trade unionists and activists. It was also the time when extremist groups were taking on the Argentine state with acts of lerror and sabotage. Lanusse became convinced that only a political compromise with the Peronists could ensure stability. He first sought to form a political accord known as the Great National Agreement, by means of which the parties would agree the steps necessary for the return to a free vote and an elected government.

At the same time, Lanusse hoped he could prevent Perón power once again. himself returning to Argentina. This was already the next gen-He negotiated the return of Evita Perón's dead body, and al-

Peronists back into power, and uttered what became his bestthemselves decided that a tough known phrase, affirming that line was the only response to vi-Perón would never return to Arolence and "subversion". When gentina "either hecause he the leaders of this military coup sanctioned a massive campaign doesn't want to, or doesn't have the guis," Lanusse only reof making suspects "disappear" vealed how out of touch he was rather than arresting and trying with the political situation. them, killing more than 9,000 The Peronists triumphed in Argentines in the process. the 1973 elections, and Lamusse Lanusse became openly critical was jostled and spat on as he left of their methods, although critthe presidential palace in May ics pointed out that the first 1973 to make way for the reprisals against left-wing ac-Perónist Hector Campora. tivists had been taken while he Perón himself soon took over was president. He protested the presidency, but following his death in 1974, subsequent most strongly when one of his

eration of military commanders.

They regarded Lanusse with to stress that he had always sup-In recent years, he continued

suspicion for having allowed the words, "existed for the fatherland, rather than the fatherland existing for the army". He wrote three volumes of autobiography seeking to justify his own position, and continued his criticism of Peronism with attacks on the policies of the present government under Carlos Menem.

At his death, he was still a polemical figure, with many Argentines arguing that he had been a basically decent, honest person, while others saw him as the archetype of generations of Argentine soldiers, constantly meddling in politics without any political vision.

Alejandro Lanusse, army officer. born Buenos Aires 28 August 1918; President of Argentina 1971-73; married Ileana Bell (nine children); died Buenos Aires 26 August 1996.



se, 1973; the man who brought democracy back to Arg

Joyce Plesters

Peronist governments floundered

in a welter of violence, corrup-

tion and indecision. In March

1976, the armed forces took



she was appointed by Ian Rawlins, the then Scientific Adviser, and A.E. Werner, the Research Chemist, to join them as an assistant in their very small department. She had studied basic science at Royal Holloway College, London University, but had no specialised qualifications for the job since none existed at that time. She helped Rawlins with the X-radiography of the paintings - something he had started in the 1930s - hut more importantly she embarked on

chemical microscopy. One of the aims of this research was to assist the restorers of the newly created Conservation Department to address problems in their work which could not always be dertook this sort of work. Thus solved with the naked eye alone; distinguishing between the original paint, the artist's own re- undertaken for other museums paint and later restoration, for and galleries. Increasingly inviexample. This was done both by the identification of individual

her main theme, the examina-

tion of small paint samples by

synthetic resin block.

press secretaries joined the lists

of the disappeared people; and when eventually in 1985 the de-

posed military leaders were put on trial for their human rights

crimes, Lanusse testified against

For many years her only apparatus was an 1895 Leitz microscope, but her extraordinary aptitude for this sort of work was promptly recognised and it talent allowed to grow and soon became clear that the flourish in a relatively stress-free study of the technical aspects of paintings was emerging as a sub-ject in its own right, and one which art historians could in future disregard only at their peril. By the time of her retirement she had further helpers and the best equipment, including an electron microscope, while parallel activities in the Scientific Department had also greatly expanded.

It is a commonplace of certain art journalism to represent conservators and scientists in this field as white-coated soulless technicians blind to the heauties of the works benetah their scalpels. This would be a vile slander if it were not so obvious a caricature. It cannot he too much emphasised that Joyce Plesters loved the paintings. Her daily familiarity with them over decades and her minute study of the methods of the old masters could only serve to increase her delight at what they accomplished with the limited materials at their disposal. In the 1950s and early 1960s

almost no other institutions in Britain and few in the United States and on the Continent unher help was often sought and analyses of varied kinds were tations came from abroad for advice on individual projects or pigments and, most importantly, by the study of cross-sections work. In those more liberal

of minute paint fragments days such absences were not embedded in a transparent thought incompatible with responsibilities closer to home.

In 1966 and 1967 she helped to set up laboratories in both Venice and Florence for the microchemical study of paintings, following the floods there and the urgent conservation problems which resulted. She retained her connection with Venice for many years and it was prohably Venetian painting of the 16th century which was her main love. The restoration of the church of the Madonna. dell'Orto, financed by the Venice in Peril fund, together with its enormous paintings by Tintoretto, probably helped to form her particular attachment to and study of that artist which continued into the years of her retirement.

In 1959 Joyce Plesters married Norman Brommelle, who had been a restorer at the National Gallery and later became Keeper of the Conservation Department at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Norman also became Secretary-General of the International Institute of Conservation, so together they were a weighty presence in the conservation world. Norman could be rather touchy and sooner or later had fallingsout with many colleagues hut Joyce never allowed this to affect her own relations with

Uninterested in administration and promotions she despised those whose activities seemed only to be stepping stones on the career ladder. Extremely feminine, in her younger days she seemed to me scientist: born Studley, Warmuch to resemble an often reproduced portrait sketch of 1959 Norman Brommelle (died Jane Austen, and like Austen 1989); died Città di Castello, Italy too her wry good humour and 21 August 1996.

sense of fun were much appreciated by her many friends. She was a wonderful cook and hostess and her reward came, perhaps, with the after-dinner conversation, from which pro-

fessional gossip was not absent. Among her fund of stories she would sometimes recall with amusement an early abortive job interview with the Zoological Society, at which a kindly board member had cautioned her not to expect to handling the larger mammals right away. Smaller mammals, in the form of cats and dogs, were always a part of her home.

In 1987 she retired and removed with her husband to an Umbrian farmhouse, on a hillside outside the small village of Morra, which they had partly done up" during summer holidays. It had a large piece of land attached which was to be terraced, landscaped and planted in the years to follow, activities to which they were no strangers having furnished no fewer than three houses and gardens

previously. Sadly Norman died suddenin late 1989 but Joyce resolved to stay on: she had no relatives in England and Italy was now her home. For six years - it should have been many more she continued with the improvements, fortified by the help of many neighbours, both Italian and immigrant, and her house was a magnet for old friends and colleagues when they were in Italy.

Rosa Joyce Plesters, conservation wickshire 13 April 1927; married



James **McLamore**

lames McLamore was the co-

founder of the Burger King

chain of fast-food restaurants

and architect of the hamburg-er known as the Whopper. He helped to alter America's, and

later the world's, eating habits,

with quick service and chean

hamburgers.
In 1954 McLamore and his

co-founder Dave Edgerton

King in Miami, which featured

the pioneering "flame-grilled" system of chain hroller cooking.

The Whopper and the Whop-per with Cheese, which are

now consumed at the rate of 2

million a day, were introduced

by McLamore in 1957, the same

from the name. A year later television advertising and early franchising pushed the company on to a national stage.

"There are only two things our customers have: time and money, and they don't like spending either of them, so we better sell them hamhurgers quickly," McLamore said in 1994, explaining how Burger King's 15-second service philosophy had grown into the second largest hamburger chain in the world, with more than

7,200 restaurants. A former chief executive of Burger King, Barry Gibbons praised him for developing a very, very early and clear concept of branding even hefore it was sophisticated and designed

McLamore was ranked with McDonalds' Ray Kroc and Kentucky Fried Chicken's Harlan Sanders as leaders in the fast-food industry. He and Edgerton sold the husiness to Pillsbury in 1967, now part of Grand Metropolitan. McLamore served as Burger King's president until 1970 and as Chief Executive Officer until 1972. In 1993, he was drafted back in to help reinvigorate the company, which had suffered a bewildering di-

versification of products.
McLamore was a benefactor and trustee of Miami University, at one time part-owner of the Miami Dolphins American football team and, as an avid gardener, served as president of Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

Edward Helmore

Robert Tewdwr Moss

Robert Tewdwr Moss was a consummate journalist who would appreciate the finer details of his own obituary. Like some ghost of the fin de siècle past, he moved through literary, journalistic and cafe society. clad in velvet and brocade, surreptitiously passing on a morsel of gossip here, imparting some arcanc piece of knowledge there.

John Walsh, who employed him on his long stint as diarist him, at his friend the publishon the Sunday Times books er Rohin Baird-Smith's birthday section, recalls him "cooing party, at the Traveller's Club last into one's ear as one sat at the computer terminal . . . sur-rounded by a volcanic cloud of Parma violets".

Tewdwr Moss's charming ways talked him into all manner of journalistic coups. He recently managed to persuade the Royal Academy to allow him unprecedented access to their Summer Show adjudication for a Telegraph piece. Occasionally his intrepid fearlessness and love of gossip led him into trouble; indiscreet pieces on the Waldegraves and the St Germains in Tatler caused certain furore.

Such qualities inform his travel hook, Cleopatra's Wedding Present: travels in Syria, which Tewdwr Moss was revising for February publication by Fourth Estate the night before he died. Christopher Potter, his editor, was delighted with the book. "full of life . . . written just as he told his anecdotes ... of stories and scrapes." Indeed, he had just received proofs of the dust jacket when I last met

Art conservation: Plesters operating the Zeiss Laser Microspectral Analyser, National Gallery, c1974

It was Tewdwr Moss's natural environment: a roomful of personalities, each of whose Achilles' heels he had long ago logged for future reference, and through whom he swam slyly, his neck unseasonally swathed in velvet, his close friend and muse Afsaneh Wain

He had a conain magnetism for glamorous women: another friend at one time was the actress Joely Richardson, while at the other end of the age scale (he was no upholder of ageism), he often took friends to visit his

confidante Elaine Robson-Scott, to hear tales of Christo-

It was through the Iranianborn Mrs Wain that Tewdwr Moss acquired his passion for the Middle East, on which subject he became extraordinarily knowledgeable. He had already gained a First in English from Bedford College, London, after which he modelled at St Martin's and taught Italian at a Belsize Park crammer (he had himself been educated at a girls' boarding school): "I didn't know a word, and had to mug it up on the number 13 bus en

His writing career had up until then consisted of contributions to the quarterly magazine West Africa. In 1988 he wrote (on yellow notepaper) to the ed-itor at Woman's Journal, seeking employment.

Victor Oliver and his deputy editor. Christie Hickman, recall Tewdwr Moss's first entrance into the IPC offices: a whiff of trademark carnation, then Robert himself, "in a greenish suit, wing collars and flowery bow tie", his hair in a pony-tail,

looking "extremely beautiful". He was much too extraordinary attracted to colourful person-

to write under mundane "Robert Moss", declared Oliver, and after a trawl through the Plantaganets, his new byline was born. Christie Hickman praised his "ear for the bizarre"; he once conducted a vox pop on the contents of women's handbags, and returned from an interview with Roy Strong with a piece dwelling inordinately on the man's cats (no greater lobbyist for the Cat Protection League than Tewdwr Moss, his coat tails hung with moggies' hairs). Sacked from Woman's Jour-

nal - his style too byzantine for the new regime - Tewdwr-Moss worked his way through DX, the Express magazine, to the Evening Standard's "Londoner's Diary", a post in which he excelled, hrihing disgruntled sources with trips to the opera. His stint on The People with lane Preston redefined the tabloid diary as paid leisure. More serious pieces for the Sunday Times and the Independent were characteristic: Victor Oliv-

er recalls a profile of Bervi

Bainbridge as quintessential

Tewdwr Moss, "arch, precise and hysterical". Tewdwr Moss was naturally

alities. "He had all these freaks in love with him," recalls Oliver, "and when he wrote about family scandals he found himself pursued by men and women and mad countesses". In between jobs, he "really struggled - he was penniless quite often". Indeed, Oliver discerned a deep streak of melancholia in

his life latterly: "He was very hleak about his lifestyle" Tewdwr Moss's turbulent and adventurous emotional life had become self-destructive, and it was often left to his longsuffering landlady, Leonora, to get him out of scrapes.

His final scrape came last Saturday. The exact circumstances of his death have yet to he ascertained, but he was found bound and gagged in his Paddington flat, having choked to death. His flat had heen processor containing his final re-vision of Cleopatra's Wedding Present taken.

It is an undescreedly ugly end

composer, 1890; Liam O'Flaherty,

novelist, 1896; Charles Boyer, actor



Tewdwr Moss: 'arch, pracise and hysterical' Photograph: Nigel Spaiding

to an elegant life, and no one who knew Robert Tewdwr Moss will entertain any memory oth-er than that of a handsome, willowy young man with a quizzical, innocent look on his face as he told you something so louche, surreal, and hilarious that you had to laugh out loud.

He was kind, generous and witty, and London will be duller for the lack of him.

Philip Hoare Robert (Tewdwr) Moss, writer: born Congleton, Cheshire 29 December 1961; died London 24 August 1996.

James Whitman McLamore businessman: born New York City 30 May 1926; married (one son, three daughters); died Coral Gables, Florida 7 August 1996.

DEATHS

BATES: On 26 August, Timothy Bates, beloved husband of Margaret and fa-ther of George and Albert, Private family cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Hodglens Disease and Lymphoma Association, PO Brt 275, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Buckinghamchire HP17 801. A thanksgroug service will be held in London on a date to be announced.

HELSING: Jan. on 26 August, aged 60 years, peacefully, in SI Luke's Hos-pice. Sheffield. Loving mother of Anna and Niek, and grandmother of From and Millie, Service and cremation at the Huteliffe Wood Cre-matorium, Sheffield, on Friday 30 nations please, made payable to Cancer Reliet Macmillan Fund or St Luke's Hospice, may be sent to

Marriages & Deaths

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Wills

John Reginald Barton, of Winsford, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,797,655 net. He left £1,000 to the RNLt: £200 to the Mountain Resuce Services for Scotland and Wales; £200 Burleydam, Cheshire.

to a charity of the trustees' choice: £250 to the view and churchwardens and £250 for bulbs and shrubs for the Church of Chad over Winstord; and £250 to the vicor and churchwardens of St Mary and St Michael's Church

Birthdays

The Duke of Argyll, Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland, 59; Mr Michael Arthur, diplomat, 46; Sir Konneth Berrill, economist, 76; The Right Rev John Bone, Bishop of Reading, 66; Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, former High Court judge, 87; Mr John Carlisle MP, 54; Sir Cecil Clothier OC, former chairman, Police Complaints Authority, 77; Miss Imogen Cooper, concert pianist, 47; Lord Cudlipp, former newspaper chairmao. 83; Professor Wendy Davies, historian, 54; Mr Windsor Davies, actor, 66; Miss Janet Frame, ovelist, 72; Mr Ben Gazzara, actor, 66; Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, author, ed-itor and former publisher, 89; Sir Godfrey Hounstield, inventor of the EMI-scanner, 77: Mr Emiya Hugh-es, footballer and broadcaster, 49;

General Sir William Jackson, former

Governor, Gibraltar, 79; Professor Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor,

Bristol University, 57; Dr Joseph

Luns, former secretary-general of NATO, 85; Air Chief Marshal Sir

Nigel Maynard, 75; Miss Elain Mel-lor, jockey, 53; Mr Donald O'Con-

nor, actor and dancer, 71; Sir Christo-pher Paine, president, Royal College of Radiologists, 61; Mr Max Robertson, radio commentator and broad-caster, 81; Miss Emma Samms, actress, 36; Sir Thomas Scrivenor, former colonial administrator, 88; Mr John Sheffield, chairman, Portals Holdings, 58; Mr John Shirley-Quirk. bass-baritone, 65; Mr David Soul, actor. 52; Sir Peter Thornton, former senior civil servant, 79; Professor Roger Williams, hepatologist, 65.

Anniversaries

Births: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, playwright and author, 1749; Antoine-Augustin Cournet, mathematician and economist, 1801: Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, novelist, 1814; Thomas Seddon, landscape pointer, 1821; Ira David Sankey, hymn-writer and revivalist, 1840; Bernhard Friedrich Wilhelm Listemann, violinist and conductor, 1841; George Hoyt Whipple, pathologist, 1875; Peter Fraser, statesman, 1884; Edward Vance Palmer, novelist, 1885; Ivor (Bertie) Gurney, poet and

1897, Deaths: St Augustine of Hip-po, 430; Hugo Grotius, jurist and lawyer, 1645; Karl Theodor Körner, poet, playwright and patriot, 1813; William Smith, geologist, 1839; James Henry Leigh Hunt, critic and poet, 1859; Albrecht Adam, painter, 1862; Ernest Orlando Lawrence, physicist, 1958; Bohuslav Martinů, composer, 1959; Prince William of Gloucester, killed in an air crash 1972. On this day: the Scots routed the Royalist army at the Battle of Newburn, 1640; Wagner's opera Lohengrin was first performed in Weimar, 1850: Montenegro was proclaimed an independent kingdom uoder Nicholas L 1910; US forces under General George Marshall landed in Japan, 1945; 200,000 black Americans demonstrated in Washington for civil rights, 1963, Today is the Feast Day of St Alexander of Constantinople, St Augustine of Hippo, St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Hermes of Rome, St John of Constantinople, St Julian of Brioude, St Moses of Abyssinia and St Paul IV of Constantinople,

Lectures National Gallery: Judy Egerton, "Horses (iv): Stubbs, Whistlejacker",

Tate Gallery: Iam Dickson Gill, " 'Painting like Passion is a Living Voice': Abstract painting after the Second World War", Ipm. National Portrait Gallery (guided tour : "The Creative Spin traits of writers, artists and scientists 1500-1837", 2.30pm.

Joan Thirkettle

A Memorial Service for Joan Thirkettle will be held at noon oo Tuesday 3 September 1996, at St Bride's rch, Fleet Street, London EC4,

European Engineers

The following have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associations

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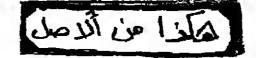
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The Rev Timothy Edge, Assemble Cornie, Bed-worth (Concentry); to be Team Vicar, Witney Team Ministry (Ordord). The Rev Mark Godson, Prost-in-charge, Stationage (Soliphury); to be Chaplain, For-ent Healtheare Trust (Chelmsford).

be Friest-an-charge (Rector designate). Wokmgham All Saints (Oxford).
The Rev Gary Ingram, Vieur, Colne Holy Thinlity to be also Rural Dean of Pendle.
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The Rev Derek Walker, Vieur, New Ferry
(Chester't to be Rector, Akuman-Chesterton
with Middleton Stoney and Wendlebuty, and
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The Rev Robert Vale, Team Vieur, Bestwood
Team Ministry, to be Prics-mt-charge, Selston
with Westwood (Southwell).

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, visits HM Prison Salthouse Head, Peterbend, Aberdeenshire,

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Ousen's Life Guard at House Guards, 11sm; 3rd Battaliam Royal Gurkha Refles mounts the Ousen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11,30am, band resided by the Cavalra at Buckingham Palace, 11,30am.



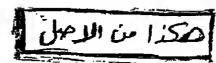
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Open skies' hitch threatens BA alliance



Hoping for a silver lining: Bob Ayling, BA chief executive

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

British Airways' proposed al-liance with American Airlines was dealt another serious blow yesterday after US government officials pulled out of the next round of "open skies" talks with their UK counterparts, accusing the British government of shifting its negotiating stance at the last minute.

The US civil servant leading the talks, Paul Gretch, described the rift as "a serious hitch". He said US officials had unexpectedly received what amounted to a full-scale draft agreement on Friday from the UK Department of Transport

which was "way off the open skies mark". Clearly frustrated, Mr Gretch explained: "The document fell so far short of what we see as a true open skies agreement in so many ways that it did not form a basis for productive discussions. It was not appropriate to continue." Though the talks, which are

aimed at freeing up access to Heathrow Airport, have not broken down completely, the US side said their resumption depended on a change in the at-titude of British negotiators. "It is not going to be too easy," Mr Gretch said. "We re-

main ready to talk if we can

make tangible progress. The UK side has to mull this one

trust immunity for the alliance lies with the US Department of Transportation, which is also leading the open skies talks. According to Mr Gretch, "if there's no open skies agreement then there will be no anti-trust im-

over." An agreement is essen-tial if the US authorities are to

grant regulatory approval for the BA-American tie-up, which

will combine revenues and

timetables and give the two

airlines 60 per cent of flight UK-

US flights.
The final decision on anti-

munity and the deal will fail". UK Department of Transport civil servants involved in the talks were not available yesterday, but a spoke

ficials were "genuinely sur-prised" at the US move. "We thought our proposals did go some way towards an open skies arrangement," she added. BA, whose chief executive is

Bob Ayling, attempted to put a brave face on the latest set-back in its plans, which have met with imprecedented opposition from other US carriers. "We are sure the delay is only temporary," a spokesman explained. "Both sides have committed on the right terms to delivers an open skies agreement. It is a bold and imaginative objective and given the scale of what is being attempted, some complications were inevitable."

The company faces legal

action from its existing partner, USAir, in which BA has a 24.6 per cent stake, on the grounds that the tie-up with American

is anti-competitive.

The UK Office of Fair Trading is also investigating whether the deal, which involves no equity stake by either company, should be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

According to US negotia-tors, a guif remains on fundamental issues about how to liberalise access to Heathrow airport. The US has insisted that UK authorities grant so-called beyond rights to enable its carriers to fly from British airports to other European desti-nations. The latest UK

document apparently confirmed British opposition to this, although the US reached a similar agreement in an open skies deal with Germany earli-

However, according to Mr Gretch, the granting of similar rights for British airlines to fly on US domestic routes was er this year. "just not on the cards".

Another problem concerned how to liberalise the mechanism which agrees prices of air fares. The current arrangements, which date from a hilateral treaty signed in the late Seventies, allow the two sides to agree ticket prices, although these arrangements are rarely used for transatlantic travel.

Archie Norman to go part-time at Asda

NIGEL COPE

Archie Norman is 10 step back from day to day running of the Asda supermarket chain as part of a boardroom reshuffle announced yesterday. Mr Norman, who is credited with revitalising Asda's fortunes during his five-year tenure as chief executive, will become chairman. Allan Leighton, deputy al meeting next month. Patrick Gillam will retire as chairman in December

in December.

Mr Norman will continue to work full time until December but will then move to a part time role. It is not yet clear how much time Mr Norman will devote to Asda but the company said it was unlikely to be less than two days a week. "We'll take stock in the new year but at no stage will he do less than two days," Mr Leighton said. Mr Norman's move has come

earlier than expected and it immediately ignited speculation that he might be preparing to leave Asda altogether, possibly to pursue a career in politics. Mr Norman's political ambitions earlier than expected but I don't

been mentioned as a possible Conservative candidate for Harrogate, near his Yorkshire home. Asda was quick to dismiss fears that the group's talismanic leader was set to leave. "Archie's first priority is to Asda," the company said.

Allan Leighton said he was delighted to be taking over and said the reshuffle demonstrated Mr

Asda shares fell 4p to II5.5p on the news though half the fall was due to the shares going exdividend. City analysts were divided on implications of the changes. One said: "Asda's recovery over the last few years is firmly down to Norman's management and any suggestion that he will be less involved will not be taken well by the City."

Others expressed surprise at the timing of the announcement but said Mr Leighton was a good choice, "We've got a great deal of respect for him and be has been Archie's right hand man for some time. It has come a bit

are well known and he has think Archie well be leaving for

at least two to three years."
Mr Leighton, 43, joined Asda
as group marketing director in
1992 after 17 years with Mars Confectionery and two with Pedigree Petfoods. He was appointed deputy chief executive last year. He has worked closely with Mr Norman and has been groomed for the top job, increasingly taking the lead in presentations to the City.

He pledged to continue the strategy that has transformed Asda's fortunes: "Mr number one priority is eto keep going the way we are. There's lots to do. We still have a third of the stores to refurbish, for example."

Archie Norman, 42, joined Asda as chief executive at the nadir of the company's fortunes in December 1991. Heavily lossmaking and saddled with a mountain of debt, the company was losing ground to more powerful rivals such as Sainsbury's and Tesco. The company gradually recovered by competing as a lower priced alternative to its rivals while Mr Norman fought a series of high profile campaigns for lower prices of books, med-



Christine Dann, the Stock Exchange's director of business operations, views the equity trading floor at BZW in the City on the first day using the Sequence electronic system. One trader described the system as a 'bleedin' nightmare'

Photograph: Jane Baker Market report, page 19

Clinton rides the crest of US economy wave

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

As the Democratic Party's convention got into full swing, Americans gave President Clinton's management of the economy a vote of confidence, Consumer confidence has hit a six-year high, strengthening in August for the second month

Yesterday's unexpectedly buoyant survey results helped bolster the case for an increase in US interest rates - although perhaps not before November's presidential election - especially coupled with recent igures suggesting the economy is not slowing as much as the Federal Reserve had predicted.

Many Wall Street economists think there is a good chance of a move when the central bank's policy committee meets next month, It left the key Federal Funds rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent when it met last week. According to the Confer-ence Board, the business con-

sultancy which publishes the monthly confidence survey, consumer attitudes might be on an upward trend after remaining stagnant for more than a year". Confidence levels about current and future economic conditions have returned to their highest since early 1990.

Its consumer confidence index climbed to 109.4 in August from 107.0 in July and 100.0 the previous month. It touched a low of 47.3 in 1992 at the depth

of the recession. The only shadow this month was cast by a small increase to 23 per cent in the proportion of households saying jobs were hard to get. On the other hand, there was a small rise in the proportion expecting more jobs to become available during the

next six months. The surge in optimism has surprised analysts expecting the pace of growth to show signs of slowing in the run-up to the election, Although consumers helped account for GDP growth at an annualised rate of 4.2 per cent in the second quarter of this year, the high level of per-sonal debt is likely to put the

brakes on spending.
On Monday the Fed reported that US banks had tightened their standards on consumer loans for the second quarter

However, other evidence of the predicted pre-election slowdown in the US economy has been scarce. In particular, job creation has picked up steam this year, leaving the unemployment rate at the level below which wages and inflation

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US court overturns injunction forced on Lloyd's

PETER RODGERS

A US appeals court last night overturned an injunction grant-ed by a judge last week that threatened the £3.2bn rescue of the Lloyd's insurance market.

The ruling came as David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said that acceptances of the rescue offer totalled 82 per cent last night compared with 75 per cent on Saturday, and the numbers in favour were still rising. Mr Rowland said he was

encouraged by the steady flow of acceptances we have re-

ceptance level will have increased again by the time our deadline is reached."

Last Friday, a court in Baltimore issued a temporary in-junction ordering Lloyd's to give 2,700 US investors the option of an extra two months to review the settlement proposal and ordered Lloyd's to provide more detailed financial information in the form of a fi-

The court also said that American investors should have their cases tried in US courts

had overstepped his authority.

"The effect of what the judge did was to insert himself into the regulation of an international insurance market. If that order is allowed to stand, the plan cannot go forward... the reason is the banks will not put up the

His statement came as in-

in trying to sell the settlement.

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Payne, of Richmond, Virginia, hed appeal and the ground for a possible delay, the appeal ruling appeared to haul Lloyd's back from the brink yet again and clear the way for the rescue to be approved by the

market's ruling council tomor-Lioyd's has imposed noon to-day as the deadline for members to accept the settlement offer

and has said the timing is urgent

ceived since midday on Satur- and found evidence that Lloyd's surance regulators on both sides because it must prove its solday. I am confident that the ac- was violating US securities laws of the Atlantic hinted that they vency to the Department of vency to the Department of Trade and Industry and US regulators over the next few days if it is to cootinue trading. However, the DTI said the

end-of-Angust deadline was a myth and did not appear in insurance legislation, which provides only that Lloyd's must prove its solvency on an annual basis. John Calagna, spokesman for the New York Insurance Deprove its solvency to US regu-

The widely assumed deadline of 1 September for approval of the rescue plan by the depart-ment was not a fixed date but was based oo the timetable set by Lloyd's and the DTI.

The New York Insurance Department was prepared to go to court to take control of Lloyd's assets in the US. But any action would await the outcome of the Baltimore appeal and the deliberations of the partment, Lloyd's lead regula-tor in the US, also said there was no fixed deadline for Lloyd's to becoming insolvent.

Barings men fined and barred

Three middle-ranking executives of Barings were yesterday fined and suspended by the Securities and Futures Auin the run-up to the collapse of the bank 18 months ago. The most senior is George

Maclean, former head of the hanking group of Baring Investment Bank, who was repri-manded, had his registration as a director with the SFA suspended for two years and was ordered to pay £10,000 towards the SFA's costs for failing "to act with due skill, care and diligence". The others were Anthony Hawes and Anthony

Mr Madean, who lives in Essex, did not file a defence or make any proposals for settling the charges against him. He is believed to have decided already to guit the City.
Mr Maclean was a member

of Barings asset and liability committee, which monitored risk, and of the management committee which made key decisions in the investment bank. He was involved in compiling a dismissive response to prob-ing questions from Simex, the Singapore futures exchange, a

month before the collapse, Barings replied to Simex on 10 February, 16 days before the collapse, that its Singapore fu-tures business had sufficient funding, was effectively monitored and had a low-risk trading strategy. The SFA said: These were supposedly ad-"The assurances given were, in vances of funds to clients but the circumstances, without any reasonable foundation. Mr Maclean failed to take any proper steps to satisfy himself that those assurances were

Mr Hawes, former group treasurer of Baring Securities and a member of the asset and liability committee, was removed from the SFA's registers of directors and managers and ordered to pay £10,000 costs. He will be unable to apply for re-registration for three years.

Without registration he cannot work in the securities industry. The SFA said Mr Hawes failed to understand, control and reconcile top-ups to mar-gin payments in Singapore.

vances of funds to clients but were in fact being used by Nick Lesson, the trader who bust the bank, to support his unautho-

rised dealings.
Mr Gamby, director of set-tlements for Baring Investment Bank, was reprimanded and his registration with the SFA as a director suspended until next March. He will pay £5,000 costs. The SFA found he failed to

ensure the settlements depart-ment understood, controlled and reconciled the provisions of funds to the Singapore futures operation. There was no evidence that he was aware of any unreconciled balances but he accepted it was his responsibility to ensure proper procedures existed and were followed.

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Hanson sheds light today on demerged tobacco division

TOM STEVENSON

Hanson will announce details of the planned demerger of Imperial Tobacco to shareholders later today, pressing ahead with the cigarette maker's return to the stock market in the face of increasing turbulence in the sector.

Details of the company, which are expected to include a notional dividend for the year to September, will try to soothe investor concerns following the support of President Bill Clinton at the end of last week for a shift in the regulation of the tobacco industry to the Food and Drug Administration.

The industry is already under attack from a series of law suits and shares in companies with large US operations, including BAT, have fallen sharply in recent weeks. The Clinton ruling threatens to impose strict limits on advertising, a curb on the sale of cigarettes through vending machines and a drive to stamp out under-age smoking to be funded by the tohacco companies themselves.

Some of those companies spoke out yesterday, criticising President Clintoo's move. BAT which operales in the US largely through its Brown & Williamson subsidiary, said it would 'vigorously oppose' FDA's regulatory control.

"Congress makes the laws. It has spoken on tobacco and has repeatedly not granted FDA au-thority to regulate cigarettes." RJ Reynolds, part of RJR Nabisco, also criticised the government's move: "While it is appropriate for the federal remment to provide direction on the issue of under-age smoking, the [individual] states

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In New York, Philip Morris criticised what it called the FDA's "specious and arbitrary" interpretation of federal law. The company said it shared President Clinton's goal of re-ducing under-age tobacco use.

should be responsible for im-plementation, it said.

"Our position on this issue is clear; kids should not smoke, nor should they have access to tobacco products. We remain committed and willing to work with the President, the Congress and others for the swift enactment of comprehensive federal legislation to address the issue

f youth smoking."
But it added that the FDA rule on regulatory control "opens a Pandora's box of regulation that tramples on the Constitution and the rights of millions of adult Americans... We will stand by those adults

who choose to smoke." Hanson will also issue a demerger document for Millennium, its chemicals arm, today. moves to place it under the It and Imperial are expected to start trading in October.

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BSkyB's monopoly puts it ahead of the game

lion Pound Club doesn't alter BSkyB's relative position in the FT-SE 100 Index, it remains Britain's 16th most highly valued company. Nonetheless, achieving that kind of market capitalisation is an important milestone for any company, and in this case it is doubly so for it has been reached at record speed; Sky is little more than 10 years old and in its merged BSkyB form it is only five years old. It is now larger in market value terms than household names such as Sainsbury, Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. What's BSkyB's secret? In the main, it's

called being an unregulated monopoly. Nobody else has yet managed to get a look in on British pay TV. While so much of the rest of TV remains "free", and BSkyB continues to maintain its grip on key movies and sports events, nor will they. BSkyB is largely free to charge what it likes. To be fair, however, there is a little bit

more to it than that Rupert Murdoch took big risks in supporting Sky when most observers said it couldn't possibly work. He bet his company, and his own personal wealth, in doing so. More remarkahly still, BSkyB has proved highly effective in defending its monopoly, both politically and commercially. BSkyB was never going to let go
of the Premier League and it paid what it
took to keep it. Its position was barely

Deter Davis should be a happy man. He
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& General and will soon have £1.75bn of

Clever defence of monopoly has been accompanied by imaginative extension of its boundaries. While everyone else, the BBC included, is getting cold feet over going it alone in digital TV, BSkyB is forging ahead; interactive TV, even the Internet, will soon be available via the little black box. As a lesson in how to get something for nothing.

BSkyB's negotiations with the German media tycoon, Leo Kirch, have proved masterful. Mr Kirch seems to have given away half his company merely hecause he feared the company are by here Mr. Mysdech the consequences of having Mr Murdoch and Sam Chisholm offside rather than on. There are plenty of good reasons why BSkyB should not command the sky-high rating it does. No monopoly lasts forever and BSkyB will soon have to invest heavily in programming and technology to support it. On present form, however, BSkyB still looks nimble enough to stay one step ahead of the game. The BSkyB phenomenon is no mere investment hubble.

The Pru must exercise caution with the coffers

D'skyB's stock-market value edged its bushed by the Broadcasting Act and when the £10bn mark for the first time yesterday. In itself this is an unremarkable occurrence, for joining the Ten Billian and the the organisation that originally barked.

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It is a market value edged its touched by the Broadcasting Act and when the Office of Fair Trading eventually bit, it was a mere shadow of the organisation that originally barked. a sizeable war chest to fund its long-stated ambition of acquiring either a building so-ciety or a mutual life company. Targets, in-cluding the Woolwich, have already been identified and an acquisition will be announced shortly. Before the Pru goes on a

buying spree, however, it still needs to ex-plain why this strategy is such a good idea. The argument advanced by Mr Davis is straightforward. What we are seeing, he claims, is a transformation of the financial services industry. The Pru reflects this trend, but in addition aspires to he among the top six or seven players worldwide. This means strengthening and expanding its retail business in the UK, and eventually expanding overseas. Buying a huilding society would seem to further this ambition for it would add several million new customers to the Pru's 6 million-strong client base. That's a lot more pensions and life cover for Prudential salespeople to sell to.

The problem is that the cost of buying this presence is going to be high. The Woolwich's sale price is now rumoured to be upwards of £3.5bn and rising, quite a lot for a set of shopfronts in Dudley town centre and elsewhere. For your money you get a large and attractive mortgage book, and a good spread of well-healed savers. But here's the bad bit; you also get an increasingly redundant cost base. Nobody is suggesting that the Wool-

vergence of all areas of personal finance.

After a slow start, telephone banking and mortgage lending is beginning to take off.
The traditional business and customer bases
of banks and building societies will look very
different 10 years from now.

This is not 10 condemn Mr Davis's strategy before we have seen it properly unveiled. But to have £1.75bn burning a hole in your back pocket can be a mighty dangerous thing. The risk of overpaying seems high.

End of August deadline was a bit of a myth-

Deadline, what deadline? Until now, it had been widely assumed that Lloyd's must prove to the Department of Trade and In-dustry by the end of August that it is solvent, or risk being forced to close its doors to new business. A similarly tight deadline was said to exist on the other side of the Atlantic. where the lead regulator for the US, the New York Insurance Department, is expecting proof of solvency by 1 September, or at the very latest by the end of next week.

This Armageddon-type message, that the rescue must go through by the end of the month, has been used liberally by lawyers for Lloyd's in the US, in their attempts to fight

judicial delays to the £3.2bn rescue plan. Yesterday it proved wonderfully persuasive, as three US appeals court judges sided with Lloyd's and overturned a lower court injunetion delaying the rescue.

But the decision was certainly not a foregone conclusion. The regulators themselves - preparing for the worst - were taking pains earlier yesterday to backpedal from the idea that the end of the month or indeed the beginning of September represented some great cliff over which Lloyd's would fall if it

failed to prove solvency in time, According to the DTI, British law requires an annual proof of solvency, but the end August date is a matter of custom and is not set down in the regulations. The solvency test is sometimes completed in August, at other times in early September, but officials have flexibility and could wait longer if it were thought necessary.

The New York Insurance Department was equally dismissive of the supposed early Sep-tember deadline for passing the solvency test in the US, which a spokesman said was simply based on the timetable for the rescue plan set in the UK by Lloyd's and the DTI. In other words, if the DTI is flexible and allows Lloyd's further time to pass its solvency test, then the US authorities could decide to be just as helpful.

In the event, they have been spared the necessity. Lloyd's has played a game of bluff and brinkmanship in a masterly fashion, and

Pru set for bid as it sells reinsurer in £1.75bn deal

NIC CICUTTI

Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, yesterday cleared the decks for its long-awaited bid for a building society or a mutual life company, as it announced the sale of its reinsurance subsidiary, Mercantile & General for £1.75bn.

The sale to Swiss Re, anoth- egy. er leading global reinsurer pro-vides the Pru with additional funds for its massive war chest The Pru has made no secret of its aim to re-assert itself as a leading financial service player in the UK, with its own savings and loans operation.

Analysts said vesterday that the £1.75bn, when it is finally handed over in three or four months' time, would enable the Pru to move against almost any acquisition target it chooses, barring the Halifax, valued

at more than £10bn. Swiss Re, some 30 years after which we believe substantially

in the first place, also marks the achieved through a public oflatest stage in the rapid ratio- fering, is clearly in the hest innalisation of the reinsurance in-

Peter Davis, group chief ex-ecutive at Prudential, said that despite its after-tax profits of £135m, including investment gains, M&G remained peripheral to the group's overall strat-

He said: "There is no significant operational and strategic our core operations.

June our intention to reduce our pass before it is complete. investment in [the company] by floating a proportion on the

Mr Davis added: "After careful consideration, we have decided that a sale of the whole The sale of M&G back to company at the agreed price, the Swiss firm sold it to the Pru exceeds what we could have

terests of our shareholders." He said the Pru would, as it has previously indicated, contimue in its process of identifying suitable acquistion targets in line with its strategy.

But Mr Davis added: "We

have spoken to several of our leading shareholders and we are under no pressure from them. Their response is that we should synergies between M&G and not rush to pay over the odds."

He said that even if a pur-"Following a review of our chase is agreed, one consestrategy, we decided to con-quence of mutuality was that the centrate our activities on retail need to consult members and financial services and fund man- overcome many regulatory huragement. We announced in dles meant many months might The purchase of M&G by

Swiss Re, in which it was advised by Morgan Stanley, the investment bank, marks the latest stage in the rationalisation of

Reinsurance is one of the world's biggest and least known

financial service industries, in



Peter Davis: 'A sale of the whole company at the agreed price is in the best interests of our shareholders'

which companies underwrite insurance sold by others for a portion of the premium paid. In the past two years, several leading players have engaged

A bid for M&G is also bem a series of takeover battles. lieved to have been made by Swiss Re earlier this mouth Employers Re, another rival inlost out to Munich Re in a hid surer which has recently taken

battle for US property and casualty reinsurer American Re. Its bigger rival paid \$3.3bn

It is believed that the agreement with the Pru during the Bank Holiday followed a lastminute decision by the Swiss to M&G's own attraction is in

over two German companies, the field of life and health in-Aachen Re and Francona Re. surance in which it was always a leading player. After the acquisition is completed by the end of this year, Swiss Re will be the largest life and health trump the Employers Re hid. reinsurer in the world, with a market share of 27 per cent.

Caradon's shares fell 3p to

224p. Analysts said Caradon's

move was a reactive one that

Donald at Nat West Securities,

and conglomerates are un-

fashionable so Caradon is look-

ing to sell some of its

The company has been heav-ily criticised for focusing on a

premium price strategy for

branded products such as Ever-

est windows and MK plugs in-

In the year to December

1995, Caradon's pre-tax profits

fell by 43 per cent to £114m in

the face of weak housing mar-

kets in the US and the UK and

a disappointing performance from Weru, the German door

stead of cutting costs.

would dilute earnings. "Caradon smells like a con-glomerate," said Robert Mo-

NIC CICUTTI Barclays and National Westminster are being sued in the US by Chequepoint Worldcash, a small currency-changing and money transfer firm which alleges the two UK banks tried to drive it out of business.

Chequepoint's writ, in which unspecified damages are claimed, alleges that Barclays move followed the firm's entry into the lucrative internation-

Banks

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al money transfer business. Not only did Barclays stop doing husiness with Chequepoint without giving prior notice, it also intervened to prevent Nat West from offering an alternative banking

tionship with the firm. The claims, being made be-fore a court in New York, are strongly denied by both Barclays and NatWest.

Chequepoint, which is valued in the US at about \$60m (£45m), is a subsidiary of Capital Currency Exchange, an Antillesregistered company. In the US, it specialises in 24-hour currency exchange kiosks aimed at passing tourists. The firm also operates in a number of European countries, including the UK.

In 1990, the firm expanded into the international money transfer business, which it claims places it in direct conflict with banks operating in the same field.

In its suit, filed in the Federal Court under US anti-trust law, Chequepoint alleges that in May 1995, Barclays Bank, with which it did business for 18 years, suddenly stopped doing so. Barclays also blocked Nat West from establishing a relationship with Chequepoint, the suit claims.

The effect of this action has been to cause "severe damage" to Chequepoint, including lost profits and increased expenses.

A Barelays spokeswoman said the bank's lawyers in New York had not yet received a copy of the writ, but would be contesting the law suit "vigorously". NatWest also said the

IN BRIEF

· United News & Media plans to sells its regional newspaper holdings in the South-east and Wales. The South-east business includes 28 free weekly newspaper titles, comprising the Informer group of publications to the west of London, the Advertiser North London group and the Yellow Advertiser group in Essex and North East London. The South Wales operation has a portfolio of 19 free and paid-for titles, including the daily South Wales Argus. Lord Hollick, chief executive of United, said "the proposed divestment will allow us to concentrate on and develop our local media interests in the North, where we already have a strong portfolio of titles." The bulk of United's regional newspaper profits come from the Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Evening Post, Sheffield Star, and the Lancashire Evening Post.

• Boeing is boosting monthly production of its new 777 jetliner by 40 per cent and is hiring 5,000 more workers this year than originally planned to meet surging demand. The world's largest commercial airplane maker will add about 13,200 workers this year, increasing its total number of employees to 118,350 by the year-end, up from about 105,000 on 1 January. Boeing had planned to add 8,200 workers this year. Boeing also said that, by July 1997, monthly production of the twin-engine 777 would rise to seven from five. The hiring spree, Boeing's first in seven years, comes as air lines around the world not their number of the seven years. as air lines around the world use their surging profits to replace old aircraft. Seattle-based Booing has booked 333 orders for new jetliners so far this year, compared with 346 for all of last year

 The IFO research institute said the German business climate "improved significantly" in July. In its latest monthly report, IFO said scepticism about the future was on the decline and hopes of a pick up in exports were on the rise. "Obviously, more companies see themselves in a position to consider raising production." IFO said. "But the scope for raising prices is only moderate and companies have not revised plans to cut jobs."

 The EU can help cut European unemployment by introducing the single currency and completing the single market, according to a new report from the Federal Trust, a Euro-think-tank. However, the report, Prosperity of the Union, argues that greater com-petition, tax reform and deregulation to lift the social burden placed on industry would be necessary to stimulate growth. It favours, in addition, lower taxes on unskilled workers to help price them back into jobs and a job creation package.

 Regent Inns is huying Crossgate Leisure, which operates 18 case hars, snooker and sports bars in north and south England, for £6.28m. The group, which owns 46 public houses, hotels and restaurants, said it also planned a geographic expansion of its pub estate through acquisitions in the Midlands and North.

 Inha Lewis Partnership said it expected a 7.5 per cent yearon-year rise in sales for the second half of the year to January 1997. The employee-owned department stores and supermarkers group said sales in the first three weeks of the second half were up 13.7 per cent from a year ago and up 23.9 per cent from two years ago.

 Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has decided not to refer the Agip purchase of Sun Oil Britain, or the acquisition by Flight Precision of the flight checking service of the Civil Aviation Authority to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

 Virgin Express has decided to postpone its planned service between Brussels and Geneva. The flights, which were due to be gin next Monday, have been postponed until further notice due to no agreement having been reached with Swiss aviation officials over fare levels.

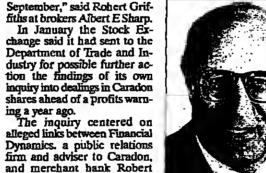
Caradon does deal with mystery buyer

PATRICK TOOHER

Caradon, the struggling build-ing products group at the cen-tre of an alleged insider dealing scandal, yesterday took the unusual step of announcing the sale of most of its engineering and distribution businesses but declined to reveal the identity of the prospective buyer.

In a brief statement issued yesterday Caradon told the Stock Exchange it had agreed outline terms with an un-named buyer in a deal that will raise more than £190m. Analysts believe Caradon was bonneed into making a statement after details of the deal were leaked to a Sunday newspaper.

"The article prompted them into making an announcement rather than wait until they pub-lished interim results on 12 and Nat West, were told they would not be the preferred



Mystery surrounds the identity of the would-be buyer of Jansen: 'businesses are



not a mainstream activity

In the year to 31 December 1995 the businesses earmarked for disposal made profits of £21m on sales of £264m. These are husinesses with good prospects, but not a mainstream activity for us," said Caradon chief executive Peter Jansen. "Disposing of them would hring added focus and opportunities to our building products activities in Europe." The main businesses that are going include construction tools supplier Caradon Parker, engine

for a third venture capital group

repairer H+S Aviation and Caradon Rolinx, the Manchester-hased plastic mouldings manufacturer. In the year to De-

to organise a management buy-in of Caradon's 15 businesses.

Disposals set to trigger | Volvo's buy-back scheme war for Lloyds Chemists 'brings down car prices'

MAGNUS GRIMOND

A renewed hidding war for Lloyds Chemists drew closer yesterday after it said agreenents had been reached for the depot sales demanded by competition authorities.

Lloyds said it had passed heads of agreement for the disposal of certain wholesale businesses to Gehe of Germany and Unichem, the rival chemists chains whose hids of over £600m for the group lapsed ear-lier this year after the intervention of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

announcement prompted a 7.5p rise in the share price to 498.5p as the market interpreted the news as bringing forward the prospect of the two sides reopening hostilities. The latest move was also seen as an attempt by Lloyds to end the uncertainty over the future of the group and counter hints that any new offers would it must divest wholesaling op-

when they lapsed in March. One source close to the com-

Fleming. The DTI yesterday de-

Caradon's engineering and dis-tribution businesses. Howev-

er, two venture capital groups, believed to be Morgan Grenfell

pany said yesterday: "Quite clearly there have been attempts by both UniChem and Gehe to talk the bid price down and yet here are two bidders who are quite interested in coming back to bld for this organisation, despite what they are saying, I think the market is recognising that now." The sale agreements, which

follow "numerous offers" from prospective purchasers, are conditional on the successful takeover of Lloyds by either of the potential bidders. They have been reached well ahead of the original deadline of 18 October laid down by the Department of Trade and Industry when announcing the conditions on which the bids could proceed last month. UniChem was told

be pitched at a lower level than before. The previous bids were valued at 490p-500p a share crations in Cambridge, Carlisle, Coulsdon, Derby, Glasgow and York, with Gehe also being forced to sell an extra unit, in

The terms of the deals will be passed to the Office of Fair Trading and the Trade and Industry Department for their approval. The DTI will decide only after receiving the recommendation of the OFT Neither department could yesterday give any clear indication of how long that process would take. However, a spokesman for the DTI said that, while there was no statutory timetable, "once the submission is received from the Director General of Fair Trading, we would aim to make an announcement as soon as possible".

Some observers suggested a new hid could emerge soon. One analyst said: "We are being lined up for a renewal of bidding, maybe as early as this

cember 1995, the businesses be-

ing sold made profits of £21m

- or about a fifth of group pre-

tax income - on sales of £264m.

The City was unimpressed from Weru, the German do with the proposed deal and and window manufacturer.

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Volvo has boosted its sales fig-ures this year by "buying" almost a quarter of its own cars. according to internal industry registration figures.

They show the Swedish manufacturer at the top of the league table for captive sales. where cars are registered not to private or company buyers, but to the car makers.

Between January and July, Volvo's captive sales accounted for a huge 23.6 per cent of its total registrations, or 3,776 out of the 16,000 cars sold. Only low-volume manufacturers such as Lotus "buy" more of their own stock, while the industry average for self-registrations is just 5 per cent

This year's figures for the company are not a one-off. During 1995, Volvo self-registered no less than 6,250 cars, or 16 per cent of its total sales.

Volvo claimed that most of leasing cars were not being the cars had been leased to its UK employees for a year on "favourable" terms. After 12

sold as used cars. "Volvo are very generous to their workers," said a spokeswoman. "The leasing scheme is istering 25 per cent of their cars not just a perk for senior management. All administrative disaster for residual values of staff are entitled to lease a car

at subsidised rates." Captive sales, which generally include demonstration models used by dealers, have been the subject of intense criticism by some in the motor trade, who accuse manufacturers of flooding the market with nearly-new cars, making new models look

less attractive. In recent weeks prices of nearly-new cars have fallen because financial incentives offered by dealers to sell new cars have attracted buyers. However. Volvo insisted there was a short"dumped". Quentin Wilson from the

BBC2 Top Gear programme months they go to dealers to be said: "I find it hard to believe that 4,000 cars could be soaked up by Volvo employees. Unless it's properly handled, self-regcould spell complete and utter cars hought new."

This year's captive sales figures include another surprise. Honda, which has one of the highest reputations for quality and reliability, "bought" almost 17 per cent of its cars in the first seven months of the year, with more than 4,000 self-

registrations. Like Volvo, Honda said it ran a popular leasing scheme for its employees. After a year, the cars are sold by dealers as used

A spokesman explained: "We are responding to the public deage of used vehicles and the ex-

emerge division

Pioneer's advice still holds true

One of the enduring mysteries of investment in this country is that there are so few decent books on the subject. Anyone with an interest in gardening or cookery or hridge can find a wealth of reading matter on their hobby, but beyond the odd "How to" primer, most small investors have littie to supplement the often cursory cov-

erage of the subject in newspapers. There are some honourable exceptions, most notably Jim Slater, whose latest book, Beyond The Zulu Princi-ple, is due to he published in the au-tumn. But the hulk of investment books worth a second glance have always come out of America, a counirv where they take their investment

more seriously than we appear to.

Given the similarity of investment on both sides of the Atlantic, it doesn't matter that the books are aimed at an American audience. The principles of investment are the same the world over and change little over the years.

The unchanging nature of sound investment is nicely illustrated by the reissue this year of the 1958 investment classic Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits by Philip Fisher, an American investor whose career started the year before the Wall Street crash of 1929. What is most striking about the hook, which in the new Wiley Investment Classics edition includes some later writings as well, is just how little of it no longer applies and how much continues to make abundant sense.

It would be impossible to paraphrase all the pearls of wisdom packed into this small book, which sets out as clearly as anyone has done since why growth stocks are the single best longterm investment medium, how to spot them and how to maximise your profits from those you have chosen.

You may be familiar with Warren Buffett's maxim that the hest time to sell a share is almost never hut are less likely to know that it was Fisher in this book who coined the theory that once a great growth stock has been found, the hest approach is to just let it run.

Other great pieces of advice contained in the book include avoiding blue-sky companies that have never made a profit - with so many opportunities for great growth from estab-lished companies why take the risk? He also cautions against the view that a company trading on a high price/earnings ratio has necessarily already discounted all its good trading prospects. If the carnings of the stock are growing fast enough, the share will soon look

cheap more or less whatever its price. Investors familiar with Buffett's philosophy will also recognise another extremely useful Fisher "don't" - don't THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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overstress diversification. We're always being told not to put all our eggs in one investment hasket but rarely are we warned of the dangers of spreading risk so widely that we end up investing in companies that we simply haven't researched thoroughly enough. As Buf-fett once put it, it is baffling why anyone should invest in their twentieth choice when they could simply increase their holding in their favourite share.

The best work from one of the pioneers of modern investment theory is a must-read for investors today, as

Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits and Other Writings by Philip Fisher, John Wiley & Sons, \$19.95.

Sanderson pulls out the stops

Sanderson Bramall, the Harrogate motor dealer, has been transformed since Tony Bramall took the wheel in 1989, Powered by acquisitions, profits than offset a disappointing period for

Trading record

Dividends per share (pence) 2.4

Prifits by buisness

have soared in the past five years or so, but the latest interim figures show that Mr Bramall, executive chairman, is also adept at squeezing organic growth from the business.

Pre-tax profits leapt 44 per cent to £6.13m in the six months to June, beating expectations and sending the shares 10.5p higher to 303.5p yesterday. The group had the benefit of last year's £5.1m acquisition of most of the outstanding shares in Thrifty Car Rental, which moved from associate to subsidiary status. That added £30m to turnover and raised the profit contribution from rental operations from £356,000 to around £1.3m.

Even so, much of Thrifty's contrihution was absorbed by higher interest charges and there was clearly plenty of underlying growth. New car sales jumped 25 per cent to 10,000 units in the first balf, easily outpacing a mar-ket in the UK which could struggle to top 2 million sales this year, an anaemic growth rate of around 3 per cent. Used cars were in even better form, with sales up over a third to 7,935.

Share price pence:

commercial vehicles compared with last year, when Sanderson was able to cash in on the rebound in the market following its acquisition of Petrogate,

a commercials group, in 1994.

The big questions are what happens to key August sales and, beyond that, whether it can maintain its forward momentum. August looks patchy, while acquisitions are likely to be complicated by the shake-up of dealership rules. That said, profits of £12m should be possible, putting the shares on a forward rating of 13. Fair value.

Darby in the winner's frame

Confirmation yesterday from Darby Group, the Scunthorpe glass-maker, that it has received several informal approaches that could lead to a hid, approaches that could lead to a hid, caps a good year for the company's shareholders. The shares soared 32 per cent to 109.5p, valuing Darby at £30m. At the beginning of the year the shares were languishing at little more than 60p. Shareholders who took up their share in last course of the property of the shareholders who took up their share in last course of the property of the shareholders. rights in last autumn's £5m cash call at 50p will be particularly pleased.

Though Darby says none of the approaches has developed beyond the preliminary stages, it seems likely that the company is being courted by one of the big glass groups such as Pilkington, Saint Gobain of France, PPG of the United States or Lunguard, the

Luxembourg group.

The world's largest glass manufacturers have been squeezed by falling demand and weak prices as customers have built up stocks. As a defensive move they have been going "down-stream" to huy consumers of raw glass. Despite its small size, Darby is the largest independently quoted glass manufacturer and a large consumer of raw glass. It has developed a profitable niche in safety glass and has also been expanding its bent and tempered glass husiness, a higher-margin product that is used in curved shower cubicles, for example. It buys most of its glass from Pilkington and PPG.

Darby is expected to report doubled interim profits of £800,000 before exceptional items on Thursday with brokers Albert E Sharp forecasting £1.2m for the full year. Any deal would have to be agreed as chairman Michael Darby and his family control more than half of the shares. Despite founding the company 20 years ago with just £1,600, Mr Darby is likely to hold out for a premium. Shareholders should do the

had attracted the Stock Ex-

change's attention. "There are

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Jasmine will end up speaking for 7 per cent of the enlarged share

capital. The Zetters family will

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Lord Moyne spills the beans on Distillers saga

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Lord Moyne, better known as Jonathan Guinness, scion of the brewing dynasty, is about to publish his long-awaited history of the Distillers' scandal, Requiem for a Family Business.

The peer's account of the 1980s saga threatens to re-ignite a whole series of rows. He is far more favourable to disgraced former Guimess

boss Ernest Saunders than
one might have expected:
"The atmosphere has totally changed since the time
of his (Mr Saunders') conviction. When he had his appeal turned down it was respectfully reported in the press, but when he was convicted everyone said he was a deepdown villain."

Indeed, Lord Moyne, a former director of Guinness, admits that his present feel-ings toward Mr Saunders are complicated".

"As a person, I think in many ways he has been hard done by, but I don't go along with the whole of his case by

"I'm on quite friendly terms with him." The thrust of his book, he adds, will be that the DTI inspectors' report has been made a nonsense of by the various acquittals in the case,

and loads of taxpayers' money has been wasted.
The whole investigation was a mess. I don't think people thought straight."

And the root cause of the scandal? "The City got too lar. Distillers thought we were still gentlemen. Unfor-tunately, they had another think coming."

and ultimate shareholder. Mr amounted to a reverse takeover Hunt will join the Zetters board of the company by Jasmine, as deputy chief executive on completion of the deal and will Yardley admitted the terms see its stake diluted to 41 per month. He followed fellow mandaging director Alan Bloom and marketing director Alan Bloom and marketing director Alan Bloom. National Lottery has force of through the revolving door.

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Zetters, the smallest of the big

three pools companies with a market share of 3 per cent, was

at the centre of a senior man-

agement shake-out in March

which saw joint managing di-rector Stephen Easterman be-

came the third director to leave

the company in less than a

Morris dancing tops the list of interests of Asda's new chief executive, Allan Leighton. The bearded Mr Leighton now admits: "I regret putting that on the list. And no, I don't have any photos of me doing it. I used to do a lot when I was at school. Now I just guest for different groups. I play a lot of

sports and it's just another way of keeping fit."

Quite so. Mr Leighton also plays football in the Asda fivea-side team with Archie Norman, and supports Leeds United. He is known as a fierce tackling defender in the Norman Hunter "Bites yer Legs" mode. Subordinates beware.



Heady brew: Lord Moyne favourable to Ernest Saunders

The pharmaceuticals team at Nat West Markets has issued a research note claiming that one of its analysts, Kevin Scotcher, is "overweight".

The note, Obesity: Fat is a Pharmacist Issue, concerns revolutionary drugs that fight obesity. The stakes are high. One in three Americans is seriously overweight, double the figure a decade ago, and NWM reckon the world market for flab-fighting drugs

could be \$9bn in ten years. The note, however, caused "an uproar on the dealing floor" when it was released last Friday, according to our svelte informant. The drugs team used a definition of obesity called the body mass index, which compares your

weight to your height. As an example, the three women on the drugs team all

mysteriously had body mass

No reason was given for the departures, though Zetters has

suffered along with other pools

companies since the introduc-

tion of the National Lottery. In the year to March 1996

pre-tax profits fell to £1.02m

from £1.26m on reduced sales

of £19.7m (£23.3m). Earnings

per share slipped to 10.1p from

12.8p though the interim divi-

indices of 14.5. from a "NWM estimate" that they were all 7 stone and 5 10". Mike Ward, of the tcam, had an index of 24, considered "normal", while Kevin Scotcher scored 28, defined

as "overweight". The circular added that Kevin's score "denotes heavy build rather than any association with the subject of this

Know what you mean. Kev. I'm hig-boned, myself. One poor analyst fell off the scale, which only runs up to 21 stone. He stormed off to MacDonalds in a huff.

Brian Quinn, who recently retired as executive director for supervision and surveillance at the Bank of England, has been snapped up by Nomura Bank Interna-

Mr Quinn, who during 20 years in Threadneedle Street has weathered the storms of the Johnson Matthey rescue and the collapse of BCC1 and Barings, is heading for calmer waters.

He starts as non-executive chairman alongside Andreas Prindl, who has been chairman since 1939.

The adverse impact of the National Lottery has forced

Zetters to target other sectors

of the gaming industry and bingo is one area where it has

plenty of recent experience. In 1987 it demerged a chain of 30

bingo dubs to form a quoted

company, Zetters leisure, which

were bought a year later by Bass.

to buy eight bingo clubs from Rank following the leisure gi-

ant's takeover of Mecca.

Jasmine was formed in 1991

COMPANY RESULTS							
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend a 63p (0.5p)			
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Avonnora Foods (I)	Ir63S.8m (596m)	13.1m (11 8m)	6.11p (5.5p)	1.9p (1.75p)			
Irish Permanent (I)	127.8m (128 8m)	23.3m (13.9m)	19.4p (16.7p)	O.O4p (1-)			
William Nash (I)	4 6m (4 8m)	1 5m (1.5m)	12.67p (12.27p)	2 Sp (2.5p)			
Sanderson Brawall (1)	319.2m (245.2m)	6.1m (4 3m)	12.2p (9.7p)	1.8p (1.33p)			
Talevision Corp (I)	11.4m (5.1m)	1.1m (0.28m)	4.0p (3.4p)	1.0p (1.5p)			
Zetters Group (F)	19.5m (22.9m)	1.Gra (t. 3m)	10 1p (12.8p)	5.8p (5.0p)			

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chairman of Jasmine, will also join Zetters as a non-executive husiness after an absence of eight years. The company is huying three Jasmine hingo clubs for £600,000 director. He is likely to be appointed deputy chairman when from the Leisure Workshop, Paul Zetter, the chairman, gives up his executive duties next year. where former Rank director Leslie Hunt is chief executive Zetters denied the deal Deputy takes over as rail

franchise head

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

PATRICK TOOHER

Zetters, the family-run football

pools group where three direc-

tors have quit this year, yester-

day unveiled details of another

boardroom shake-up as part of

plans to re-enter the hingo

The Government yesterday ended its search for a new official to manage the privati-sation of the rail network, fol-lowing the decision of the exising director of passenger rail franchising, Roger Salmon, to quit his job two years earlier

of Passenger Rail Franchising and West, and Cardiff Railway. (Opraf) is John O'Brien, who currently acts as Mr Salmon's second in command. His ap-pointment will last for three years and he takes over the job in the autumn.

Oprof plays a key role in the controversial rail sell-off, by deciding between rival bidders for each of the 25 passenger op-erating franchises. There had

early because of Government pressure to speed up the privatisation process.

become chief executive in April

when Jim Clarke, the current in-

cumbent, retires.
Robert Upsdell, non-executive

ever, on Friday Opraf an-nounced that Prism Rail, the publicity-shy hus group which this year gained a listing on the Alternative Investment Market, was the preferred hidder for two than planned. was the preferred hidder for two
The new head of the Office more franchises: South Wales

> company declined to reveal how much money it intended to raise, though industry sources suggested this would be in the region of £12m.
>
> Prism Rail's shares soared by

> So far nine passenger fran-chises have been sold off, with 16 still under British Rail. How-

Yesterday Prism said it would launch a rights issue to fund the purchase at 240p a share. The



Shake-up as Zetters moves into bingo

it raised £8m in its float in May, when it won the franchise to run the heavily oversubscribed shares priced at just 100p. The shares more than doubled in value on the first day's trading, net-ting more than £1m for the

scrapped a management buyout amid allegations of ticketing ir-regularities. Opraf said Prism's

In Brief

• Deltron Electronics will come to the stock market in the autumn via a placing that will value the company at £30m-£35m. Deltron is a supplier of electronic components with operations in the UK and France. It makes and distributes a range of electromechanical and passive components, including switches, filters and connectors. Since a management buy-in at Deltron in 1991, turnover has risen from £4.7m in the year to September 1992 to almost £20m in the first nine months of the current year. Operating profit has increased from £14,000 to more than £1.9m in

• The Television Corporation, formed by the merger of Sunset & Vine and Molinare, made pre-tax profits of £1.05m in the half-year to June. TVC said results had met targets and that recent contract wins would keep developments "well on track". These include 260 Channel 5 programmes for transmission in 1997.

• AMEC, the engineering, construction and development group, is selling its 50 per cent stake in Building and Property Management Services, a company originally formed to acquire two divisions of the government's Property Services Agency. BPMS is valued by the sale, to a venture capital-backed bidder, at £34.6m. In the year to September 1995, BPMS made profit before tax of £15.5m on sales of £364.6m.

• Astec (BSR) announced profits up from £9.92m to £13.1m in the six months to June and said it expected its performance to continue to improve in the second half. Market growth would be lower, the company said, but it remained committed to keeping costs under control. Earnings per share advanced from 2.6p to 3.32p, out of which Astec is paying an interim dividend raised 26

 Kalamazoo told investors at its annual meeting yesterday that its recent acquisition of European Automotive Dealer Systems had been well integrated, making it Europe's largest supplier of dealer management systems with annual revenue of more than £50m. Bob Jordan, chairman, said: "We now look forward to the planned contribution to earnings in the second half of this year."

• Roche Holding, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, saw net profits jump from SFr1.91bn to SFr2.21bn in the six months to June and said it expected a further increase in the full year. The figures came in at the bottom end of analysts' expectations. Roche said first-half operating profits were hit by a reduction in reference prices in Japan, lower prices in Italy, and price cuts at both its fragrances unit and in its US laboratory business.

 Cairn Energy announced that Enterprise Oil Exploration, operator for a group including Coirn Energy, had successfully conducted production tests on well I7-VT-1X in Block 17, offshore Vietnam. The company said the well tested a 400 metre hasement section, yielding a flow rate of up to 750 barrels of oil per day. The well has been plugged and abandoned.

• Amey has won a five-year contract worth £21m by the Ministry of Defence to manage support services for HMS Nelson in Portsmouth. The contract includes the management and delivery of accommodation services, catering support, cleaning, work services, mail services, and transport and driver training.

more than 13 per cent on the anerating franchises. There had heen speculation that Mr Salmon decided to leave his job pany has trippled in value since the company came to public attention earlier this year state subsidy than British Rail's. DBS moves from AIM to full listing

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DBS Management, a network visers, is set to become the lier than we originally planned."

DBS's decision to float comes first AIM-listed company to

seek a full stock-market listing.
The company, which is based quotation, in which the firm was The company, which is based in Huddersfield, is currently capitalised at about £32m and is seeking a listing before the Mr Davy in the 1970s, expandend of September.

Ken Davy, the company's dependent adviser into a chairman, who still owns 25 per cent of DBS shares, said: "It has always been our intention to joins DBS and pays the com-

seek a full listing. I am very pleased that we are able to do it ahead of schedule because we for independent financial ad- have achieved our targets ear-

> initially valued at £10.8m. The company was founded by ing from its function as an in

pany a proportion of its commission income. In return, DBS handles the

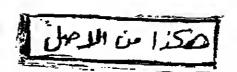
burden of compliance and reg-ulation, offers training to IFAs and uses a head office research team to identify suitable products for its members to sell to their clients. The network also negotiates higher commission rates for its members.

The network grew to about 700 member firms by the early 1990s. Since the formation of the Personal Investment Au- ket following a reverse takeover thority in 1994 and the imple- of Jago. the Swiss drugs firm.

tion. DBS has grown to some 1,600 member firms. The network now places £800m worth of husiness with

product providers and arranges

Elhn in mortgages each year, earning its members about £7/m in commission income, DBS's move from AIM to a full listing is the first for a fully trading company. SkyePharma, the AIM-traded drug developer, moved onto the main mar-



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would pause for breath. At one time it seemed a full scale re-treat could be under way but in the event the FT-SE 100 in-

After last week's heroics it oot working whalever the was inevitable that blue chips Stock Exchange might say."

A Reuters breakdown added to the confusion although dealers refused to lay

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stuck market reporter

Sequence poses nightmare as blue chips take breather

Superstores chain 4p to 115.5p. disclosed a 19.7 per ceot in-Lloyds Chemists added 7.5p to term profits setback. 498.5p anticipating the resumption of takeover action. WH Smith, figures today, fell 15.5p tn 515.5p nn fears nf a cash call.

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statement tomorrow.

gained op to 50.5p. It has emerged as the latest with Russian ambitions. Talks are taking place which could lead to a "significant" oil and gas in-vestment. There are suggestions its inteoded Russian partners will pump each into the venture. An upbeat Gulf of Mexico drilling report fuelled British Borneo 20.5p to 566.5p.

Wiggins, the property group, firmed 9.5p as Dutch in-dustrialist Maurice Smulders picked up 3.8 per ceot. He wants to talk about joint ventures. Mentmore Abbey rose 2.5p to 82p after confirming it was the signalled bidder for British Data Management, off

TAKING STOCK

Dairy Crest, the food and Darby, a glass group, gained joy a successful flotation to-27,5p to 109.5p after confirm- day. The shares could open at ing it had received a bid approach. Some expect a at which they were placed. at which they were placed. The issued valued the group, formerly owned by farmers. at £171m. The company buys and processes 1.5bn litres no

> Appleyard, the garage group, edged forward 2p to 91p, pricing the company at approaching £60m. There is vague but persistent talk of corporate action. One name put forward is Daewoo, the South Knrean group striving

☐ Ivernia West, the Irish lead/zinc group, experienced Ir£41.25 rights issue: the cash is needed for its mine at Lisheen, Tipperary. The

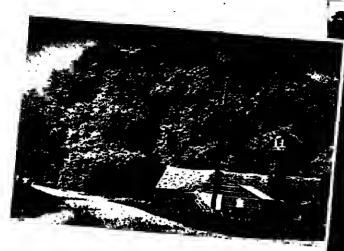
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the blame for the Sequence dex fall was a modest 1.8 points hiccups on the information 563.1m shares, *** Melrose, the oil tiddler, - almost in line with dividend Railtrack, after its stroog provider. payouts. Whether the first day of 36,216 bargains results, rose 5p to 230.5p. Han-son, due to reveal more de-merger details today, added The Stock Exchange, wisely, opted for a low-volume day to After the Taurus settlement system disaster the Stock Exdividend-inspired run, reversed 14p to 240p as the shares went ex- a 13.75p dividend. Prism, Gilts Index Sequence, the latest Stock Exintroduce its latest offering. change could be forgiven for n/a change computerised refine-The Tuesday after a Bank Holregarding an up-and-running 2.5p to 162p and BSkyB's re-2.5p to 162p and BSkyB's remarkable progress continued with a 10.5p gain to 588.5p, another peak. The long-fermenting beer deal left Allied Domecq 3.5p firmer at 453.5p but Bass dipped 5.5p to 836.5p. Pradential Corporation, confirming speculation it had found a bayer for its Mercantile & ment, had any impact on Footsie's performance was uniday is a notoriously low-key session and yesterday's turnover, although inflated by equence as a success. As Footsie faltered the secchugged ahead 35p to 300p af-SHARE SPOTLIGHT ter winning two more rail fran-chises. The shares arrived no ond-string index kept up its winning streak, enjoying its 19th consecutive gain. Progress, however, was modclear. According to the Stock Exchange the £81m system had started "extremely well; we big trades in some third-liners, AIM at 200p in June. was suitably thin. British Airways, however, are delighted with such a suc-cessful launch". Sequence is initially aimed lost height as the scheduled at speeding up dealings par-ticularly in AIM and SEATS shares. Although telephone est, just 3.5 points to 4,428.3. UK/US open skies talks were But around trading screens Pearson, as break-up hid hopes resurfaced, was the bestshelved, putting further pres-sure on the airline's proposed the atmosphere was far less ecperforming blue chip, up 19p to 683p. A favourable US trading remains an option, orstatic with dealers grumbling buyer for its Mercantile & deal with American Airlines. about the problems the latest technological creation had proders can be placed nn screen The shares lost 11p to 519p. court judgment took some of the pressure off BAT Indus-tries lifting the shares 10.5p to Dawson group, the truck and trailer reotal group, ad-vanced 17.5p to 152.5p as di-rector Peter Dawson up an 8.5p gain as profit-tak-ers moved in to leave the price and executed. duced. Said one: "It's been a The changes are an example of the dealing shape of things bleedin' nightmare ... the sys-tem is completely up the wall." Another said: "We've had unchanged at 437p. to come; the new system is due 436.5p and Rolls-Royce, fol-Archie Norman's reduced purchased 100,000 shares at 124p. Last week the company role at Asda and stripping out a dividend payment clipped the to be extended to embrace malowing its recent run of new ordifficulty inputting; it's just 1.5p to 178.5p. ders and ahead of tomorrow's Share in State et Proces are in starting except where stated. The yield is lest year's dividend, grosced up by 250 20 per pent, as a percentage of the ahare price. The price featurings (P,E) ratio is the chare 250 per pent, as a percentage of the ahare price. The price featurings (P,E) ratio is the chare 250 per pent, as a percentage of the ahare price. The price divided by last year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional itoms. | Content of the pent o The index allows you to access real-time share prices by phone from Seed, Simply doll 0881 123 335, followed by the 4-digit code printed next to each share To access the latest financial reports diel 0881 1233 followed by one of the two-digit codes below. Frisch 100 - Real-time 05 Stering Rates 04 Frisch 100 - Real-time 05 Stering Rates 04 UK Stock Market Rieport 07 Bullon Report 05 UK Company News 02 Wat St Report 20 Foreign Exchange 03 Tokyo Market 21 Anyone with a tone-dial telephone can use this service. For a detail Market leaders: Top 20 volumes FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour

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How the peaceful country lanes of old England have been placed on the certain road to destruction



As many as 5,000 country byways are being ruined by heavy traffic, according to a new report

Winding, tranquil, edged with a profusion of wild flowers, its charm was so powerful that although it was only a route between two points, it became a symbol of oational identity. 'There'll always be an England.' sang Anne Shelton, while there's

Think of it and the images proliferate: hirdsong and bees buzzing in the hedges, the smell of creamy-white meadowsweet, and, perhaps once an hour or so, a single car - or, more likely, an old van - chugging past.

It isn't like that any more, the Council for the Protection of Rural England reports today. giving a doleful picture of the country lane in the 1990s. The hirdsoog is drowned out by traffic noise, the wild-flower scents are drowned by exhaust fumes, and that occasional passing vehicle is now a flood of lorries and commuter cars using

the lane as a "rat-run". The huge growth in commuting from the countryside to towns and cities is destroying the character of up to 5,000 coun-try lanes, the CPRE claims. Its report. Last Lanes, presents a bleak "snapshot" of 50 rural routes around the country. have been discouraged from cybeen damaged by the increased volume of cars and lorries.

country we think as many as 4,000-5,000 lanes are affected," said Lilli Matson, the CPRE's transport campaigner. "A separate survey in Nottinghamshire alone showed more than 100 lanes involved."

The report, the result of re-search by volunteers in their own areas, follows the CPRE's Traffic Trauma Map, published two weeks ago, which claimed that rural traffic could double or even treble over the next 30 years - raising the prospect of more lanes vanishing.

The authors of this latest study say the exodus of urban dwellers to the countryside - at a rate of 300 people a day over 20 years - is one of main reasons for the crumbling of our ancient country roads. The use of these routes as short-cuts by lorry drivers is also signalled by the report as a major problem. Tourism only accounts for

about a quarter of the traffic: more fundamentally, everybody is driving more," said Ms Matson. "There has been a huge growth in the average length of journeys."

Lost Lanes details the ways

traffic destroys rural tranquility. These include noise, road lighting, the destruction of roads and the loss of the lanes which, it believes, are being "ruined" by traffic. It says people pie can eojoy "walking, cycling and horse-riding".

cling, walking and horse-riding and the roads themselves have the country, some lanes suffer a level characterised by the re-"Overall, throughout the port as causing "loss of rural



Paradise lost? Cranbrook Road, in Kent, c1930 and today. Traffic has drowned the sound of birdsong and the scent of wild flowers Photographs: Cranbrook Museum/Tony Buckingham

character". Between 2,000 and 5,000 vehicles a day is described as "not pleasant to cycle or

Ms Matson said the Departmeet of Transport and some highways authorities did not think there was a significant problem - but they were missmg the point, she said.

The numbers may look quite low compared with towns, but it does not take much traffic oo a country lane to alter completely its whole character."

She said where local authorities did act it was usually by imposing "suburban" solutions. such as street lighting, and removing bends and hedgerows which often destroyed the character of areas.

The CPRE is also worried that government plans for new In the 50 examples around homes in the countryside could exacerhate the problem if lomore than 5,000 vehicles a day, cations are chosen which can only be reached by cars. The organisation wants to see

its on rural roads and building new homes in urban areas where there is public trans-

Counties in the current study are: Avon, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Keot, Lan-cashire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire. Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Wiltshire.

> The report also includes comments from local residents bemoaning the loss of their rural lanes. One came from a householder in Taitenhall, near Chester, who complained about the volume of traffic on Burwardsley Road.

When I was a child, school holidays were always spent roaming country lanes on our bikes. We never see children along our lanes unaccompanied, either walking or on cycles ... frankly I can't wait to sell up

From rural idyll to local 'rat run'

lane, which wound gently through hop fields and cider or-chards on the edge of the Kent

The picturesque Cranbrook Road evoked Enid Blyton tales of children on adventures, or ges of the television series

The Darling Buds of May, which was filmed in nearby Plackley.

Today the hop fields are gone and so too the tranquillity. This seven-mile road which links Tenterden to Cranbrook has become what locals call a "rat" run"; a valued short cut for

but a place of growing danger for cyclists and walkers. Frank Spain, a retired

farmer who has lived all his 83 years in the area, blames the oging character of the lane firmly on the traffic. "The traffic now is three

times worse than it was 20 years ago," he said. "All the

11.379 vehicles by the year

The report states: "It is considered by locals to be ex-

cycling but that was even worse. There are hardly any verges there's nowhere to escape when a vehicle comes."

The road has a bad record for accidents as motorists travel at 17 up to 60mph around the narfow route; and now locals fear

the problem could get worse. They are planning to build Tesco store in Tenterden which will be aiming to attract "This road will be a natural

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